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No Races To-day

Course Flooded

There will be no race meeting at Happy Valley to-day. This was officially announced this morning. The track is under water in consequence of the heavy overnight rain, and the meeting has had to be postponed.

This is the third Extra meeting, and it will be conducted next Saturday.

At 9.30 this morning no decision had been reached as to whether the Memorial Cup soccer game would be postponed. The hon. secretary of the Hongkong Football Association said he had not then received any advice as to the state of the ground.

Crisis matches at the KCC and the HKCC have been cancelled, including the game arranged for tomorrow at the KCC against the University. The KCC ground is under water.

Hard Labour For Rape

Peiping, Mar. 7. The authorities to-day announced that Pfc Warren C. Pritchard, the second Marine involved in the Christmas Eve rape case, has been sentenced to ten months hard labour without pay or allowances and then he will be given a hard labour discharge from the Navy.—United Press.

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CHINA LIGHT TO REDUCE CHARGES SOON

New Equipment On The Way

CHINA Light and Power customers may look forward to a reduction in electricity charges sometime in June.

This is because there is on the way from England new equipment that will enable the company's No. 7 turbine to be operated, which will be both more economical and more efficient than existing plant.

Mr F. C. Clemo, manager of China, Light and Power Co., told the "Telegraph" this morning that he could not, at this stage, estimate the precise reduction in light and power charges, but he could guarantee that, immediately the No. 7 turbine was in commission, customers would have to pay less.

Mr Clemo said that the equipment now on its way from England was a front bearing pedestal and a governor's gear. The stuff is expected to arrive at the end of this month.

At the same time, an Erector is due to arrive here by the Strathmore. His job will be to assemble the new plant.

Mr Clemo said that the company was now busy overhauling the existing turbine, so that when their mechanical expert arrived his only

worry would be to fix up the replacements.

By this means he hoped that the rejuvenated No. 7 Turbine would be operating by the first week in June.

20,000 KW SET

Mr Clemo also disclosed that a brand new 20,000 kilowatt set would be leaving England for Hongkong at the end of June.

When it arrived and had been installed it would have a tremendous effect upon the services which the China Light could offer to the public.

Mr Clemo said that the No. 7 turbine was the principal operating machine before the war. It had to be blown up when the Japanese overran Kowloon in 1941. Consequently the company had been forced to operate plant since the occupation which normally it would never use. This had been both uneconomical and, to a degree beyond control, inefficient.

He considered that it was a tribute to the skill of the company's staff that the existing machinery had maintained light and power during the past 17 months.

Return To Civilisation

Wellington, Mar. 8. Three thousand men of the Navy's Antarctic expedition had their first taste of civilisation after three months when their ships put into Wellington to-day.

"They are the Mount Olympus and icebreakers, Northwind and Burton Island."

Admiral Richard Byrd told a news conference that the Antarctic is the "most valuable place in the world scientifically, especially for links in evolutionary processes."

He told reporters the United States never made formal claims to any part of Antarctica adding: "I am a devotee of any controversy arising between the United States and New Zealand over Antarctica." Associated Press.

Mrs Corneck Not Guilty

Murder Trial Ends

Bristol, Mar. 7. After deliberation for one hour and 18 minutes, the jury to-day found Mrs Rosina Ann Corneck, 34, not guilty of murdering her husband for love of a crippled friend, 24-year-old Gilbert Kenneth Bedford, who testified in her defence at the trial.

Mrs Corneck stood between two wardresses as the jury returned to the courtroom.

The foreman of the jury said firmly and clearly, "We find the prisoner not guilty."

Mrs Corneck moistened her lips and the judge said, "Discharge her." She apparently did not hear and after a few seconds the judge noticed her still standing in the dock and repeated, "I said discharge her."

Mrs Corneck quickly walked out. There was no demonstration from the crowd in the courtroom.

Bedford, whose testimony the judge had asked the jury to disregard, was in Court. He left by a back entrance, shepherded by police. He nearly collapsed outside and was given first aid, after which he left by himself.

The police arranged a decoy automobile to fool the large crowd gathered outside to see Mrs Corneck leave, but she quietly slipped away by the back entrance which Bedford had used.—United Press.

IN ENGLAND YESTERDAY

London, Mar. 7. Events: Prime Minister Attlee's Fuel Crisis Committee met at 10 Downing Street, reportedly to discuss further a double day-shift for the industry, which was offered as an alternative to round-the-clock shifts.

Over 20 jet-engines were used in the Midlands to melt lanes through drift-iced highways. A light tank was reported to be cutting into ten-foot drifts like a boy on angel-food cake. Additional tanks were to be fitted with jets.

Sun bathers at Brighton laconically watched workmen breaking ice in the bathing lake. Seventeen villages were isolated in North Bedfordshire. Planes parachuted food and medicines to some which had been cut off for weeks.—United Press.

Taxation Provisions Disclosed

Standard Rate Not Yet Imposed

In a 90-clause draft Bill on Income Tax published as a supplement to the Government Gazette to-day, it is revealed the War Revenue Ordinance, 1941 is repealed; that no standard rate has been decided upon (in 1911 it was 14 per cent); that Property Tax, Profits Tax and Interest Tax will be charged at the full standard rate, with provisions for allowances under certain conditions.

A 10 per cent allowance will be provided for repairs to property.

The draft Bill provides for increased personal and family allowances. Personal allowance goes from the 1941 figure of \$3,000 to \$5,000; wife allowance from \$3,000 to \$4,000; second child allowance increased to \$2,000, third and fourth increased to \$1,000.

Allowances will also be made for life insurance premiums. It is proposed to charge tax at lower rates than the standard upon the first \$15,000 of chargeable salaries and personal incomes, instead of on the first \$5,000 of chargeable salaries only as in the 1941 Ordinance.

TO PAY MORE

It is also intended to charge tax in excess of the standard rate on personal incomes which, after the deduction of allowances, are in excess of \$20,000 a year, in accordance with the now generally accepted principle that higher personal incomes should bear higher effective rates of tax.

The draft bill also provides that capital expenditure on the modernization of buildings, structures, machinery and plant will rank as initial allowances of 10 per cent and 20 per cent equally with capital expenditure on new undertakings.

Provisions are made for the carrying forward of losses. Taxation is to be applied under three headings—salaries, corporation profits and interest.

MORE ARRESTS IN GREECE

Athens, Mar. 6. (delayed). Twenty-seven more persons were reported arrested to-day at Eleousis, as Premier Maximos announced in a formal statement that his government was prepared to extend clemency to deserting cases but would apply the law to its fullest extent against those "not repenting."

Mr Maximos said 500 EAM members arrested on Monday were taken on precise charges. He said the police and evidence they were backing guerrilla bands by supplying food and clothing as well as war material. The Premier said a special judge would be sent to the island of exile to examine cases.—United Press.

DANUBE RIVER ICE BLOWN

Frankfurt, Mar. 7. Army officials said to-day that 70 American army engineers were using two tons of explosives daily in blasting a 10-mile ice pack in the Danube near Ingolstadt, Germany.

Officials said the water rose seven feet behind the ice jam, and they were doubtful if the bridges near Deggendorf, further along the river, could be saved.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

SOCCER OFF

At 10 o'clock this morning it was decided that the Navy ground at Cusoway Bay was unfit for play. Accordingly the Memorial Cup soccer match, scheduled for this afternoon, has been cancelled.

EDITORIAL

In Search Of Public Opinion

TWO subjects are beginning to impinge themselves on the Hongkong mind. One is the imminence of income tax; the other, constitutional reform. Taken together, they appear much too large a helping of citizenship for the average Hongkongite to digest. To hundreds of thousands neither income tax, to tens of thousands any privilege, any sense of responsibility, while the other is regarded with suspicion—as a possible method of alienating complaining tongues; to thousands, both measures are amusing, because evasion of taxpaying is going to give them a lot of fun, and as for representation, they are confident the "right people" will be chosen to protect their interests. This may appear to be a brutal estimate of Hongkong public opinion, but experience suggests it is not unjust.

Generally speaking, public opinion in this colony is left for newspaper editors to formulate and express. The average man leaves the impression that he is incapable of expressing a viewpoint, or he doesn't feel it is worth while. With two such vital issues now calling for attention, public forums should be the vogue. Opportunity to direct these are given to bodies like the KRA, the YMCAA, the Rotary Club, "Ye" Men's Club, the Democratic League, Sino-British Club, and the unions which recently became sufficiently allied to submit a petition to government on the question of salaries. These are the various organisations which can and should represent genuine public opinion, for between them they strike a cross section of community thinking, not always to be found in editorials or expressed by unofficial members of Legislative Council. The public has a democracy-given right to make itself heard, but if it refuses to do so it must accept the consequences. That goes for income tax and constitutional reform.

Four Killed In Accident

Catania, Mar. 7.

Three United States sailors from the merchant ship Henry Dearborn were killed and seven seriously injured when the bus they hired for a trip to Mount Etna plunged off the mountain road and into a ravine last night.

One Italian was killed and four injured in the accident.—United Press.

Dawn Raids In Palestine

Jerusalem, Mar. 7. British troops using large forces assisted by planes extended their six days search for terrorists in Palestine to-day by dawn descents on three towns, Rehovoth, in the orange grove country south of Tel-Aviv, Nathanya "the diamond town" and Hadera.

Meanwhile unknown gunmen opened fire on Rishon le Zion police station near Tel-Aviv shortly after 5 o'clock to-night. Simultaneously a military jeep, 300 yards from the police station was also attacked by automatic fire.

There were no casualties.

A combined force of police and troops gave chase but the gunmen escaped through a neighbouring orange grove.

Thirty-two persons were detained following to-day's searches and the arrested persons are understood to include at least one "top-grade" terrorist.—Reuter.

RIOTERS OUT OF HAND

Lahore Situation

New Delhi, Mar. 7.

Steel-helmeted British troops, fully armed and ready for immediate action, took off to-day for Multan, where pillaging and looting mobs were reported to be rioting out of control.

An official communique from the Punjab Governor, Sir Evan Jenkins, said that the Lahore situation was "quieter" to-day, but private sources said arson, looting and murder continued to spread, accentuating the general panic.

The 24-hour curfew at Amritsar was extended to Multan, 200 miles southwest of Lahore, where unconfirmed press reports said 100 had died and flames were raging unchecked through much of the town.

NEW DELHI BAN. Fears that the Punjab rioting, already reaching into the northern half of the province, might touch off outbreaks at New Delhi, the capital of India—which is in the southern part of the province—caused an official order to-day banning the carrying of any sort of weapons here for the next month.

A ban on the sale of gasoline in Lahore was proclaimed to check arsonists, who used gasoline-soaked rags to ignite their targets.

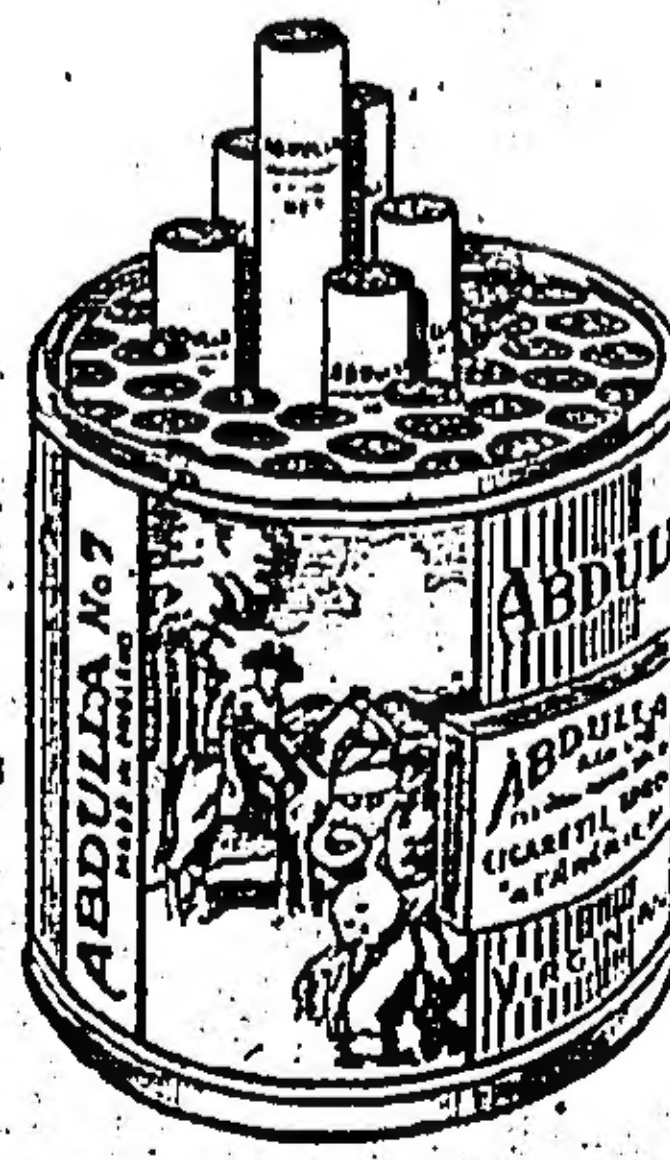
Ghazanfar Ali Khan, Minister for the National Interim Government, to-day, appealed to Hindus, Sikhs and other minorities to reach an amicable settlement with the Moslem League for "sharing power."—United Press.

CASUALTIES ESTIMATE

London, Mar. 7. The Daily Telegraph reported to-night in a dispatch from Lahore that 293 persons had been killed and 945 injured in Punjab disturbances. The dispatch said three persons were killed and many injured when a mob attacked a frontier mail train as it was standing in Taxila station. The curfew has been extended to Ferozepur and Gujranwala, 50 miles north and south respectively of Lahore, the Daily Telegraph said.—United Press.

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FRESHNESS IS THE SECRET OF TO-DAY'S BRITISH FILMS

By STEPHEN WATTS

WHAT stands out a mile in the films of the past 12 months is the matter of nationality. Now I am well aware that a good film wherever it was made, that art is international and all that. But there are two reasons why the country of origin has an importance which is inescapable.

First, because films are a big industry and we must care what becomes of the money our filmgoers pay in at the box office.

Second, because the film is such an intimate yet influential medium that each country puts its own special imprint on its films.

And on that point it is impressive that you have this year shown an ever-increasing preference for the particular imprint of the good British film.

So the kernel of any analysis of the year must be the question "Why have Hollywood films fallen away so badly, British films risen so sharply?" The foreign successes make a marginal note on the widening of public taste.

ONE brief, over-simplified answer is that there is a freshness about British production to-day and an undeniable staleness about Hollywood.

Original, honest, enterprising—there are three adjectives which can be applied to "Great Expectations," "The Overlanders," "A Matter of Life and Death," and others.

With the best will in the world I cannot find an American film made in the past 12 months which earns such description.

Energy, vision and keenness to do something different are the significant qualities now pervading British film-making—more important even than the increasing technical expertness. And there is no cynicism.

NOW here are some random recollections and varied special awards:

The most ecstatic hour I spent in a cinema was one Sunday afternoon when I saw four Chaplin comedies, up to 30 years old and as funny as ever.

The best single film I saw was a revival, "Le Jour Se Lève," which I go on seeing and in which I cannot find a fault.

OUTSTANDING among the occasions when I happened to see eye-to-eye with the box office was "The Bells of St. Mary's," specially memorable for the performance of a Nativity play by some tiny, unprepossessing children who looked as if they didn't know there was a camera for miles.

On the personal side, I continued to find no cause to shake my high regard for Ingrid Bergman, who, in "The Bells of St. Mary's" and "Saragatoga Trunk," was consistently a joy to watch.

For sheer originality in the technical game of movie-making I cannot see beyond the work of Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger on "A Matter of Life and Death."

IN the year under review I developed an even deeper attachment to and respect for Arletty, Claudette Colbert, Anne Baxter, Deborah Kerr, Paulette Goddard and Olivia de Havilland.

I decided I wanted to see more of Virginia O'Brien, Audrey Totter, Celeste Holm, Lucille Ball, Jean

Simmons, Glynnis Johns and Joan Greenwood.

With dismay I watched Greer Garson, Maureen O'Hara and Ida Lupino apply their beauty and talent to pictures unworthy of them.

Further absences I deplored were Vivien Leigh, Marlene Dietrich, and most of all—Garbo.

FINALLY, here is something for you to chew on, argue about, and disagree with violently if you like—my purely personal list of the ten best films I have seen in these 12 months:

1. "Great Expectations" (British); 2. "The Last Chance" (Swiss); 3. "Theirs is the Glory" (British); 4. "The Overlanders" (British); 5. "A Matter of Life and Death" (British); 6. "The Spectre of the Rose" (American); 7. "I See a Dark Stranger" (British); 8. "The Killers" (American); 9. "School for Secrets" (British); 10. "Les Enfants du Paradis" (French).

Fay Holden, Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon and Marsha Hunt in a scene from "Blossoms in the Dust," now being shown at the King's Theatre. The picture is in technicolor.

Rex Harrison And Wife Returning To England

HOLLYWOOD.—Rex Harrison, the British screen actor, will return to England within the next few months, he says for film versions of Galsworthy's "Escape" or "The Scarlet Pimpernel" or both.

Harrison came here for the picture "Anna and the King of Siam," and now he is working in "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir," also a Twentieth Century-Fox picture. His departure depends upon the studio's schedule.

"My contract specifies that I may have six months in Hollywood and the rest of the year at home," he stated. "It also specifies that my leave from the studio here must coincide with that of my wife, Lilli Palmer, whose contract also carries that provision because we don't believe in married couples being separated."

Miss Palmer, currently is working in the film, "Body and Soul," at Enterprise studios.

"My wife may do another picture here before we leave, and so far as she now knows, the film she will make abroad will be 'The White Tower,' for RKO-Radio studios, in London," said Harrison.

"If neither of our next Hollywood pictures is ready when I finish 'The Ghost and Mrs. Muir,' we'll probably leave for England in late March."

Otherwise he added, they will sail early in summer.—Associated Press.

Her Career—Mrs Bogart

The opening chapter in Lauren Bacall's career story was fashion modelling. Beginning at the age of 14, she posed for professional photographers while attending a girls' private school in New York and later the Julia Richman High School.

But her yearning for a theatrical career led to a year of study at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, and small roles in two short-lived New York plays. The first was "Johnny Two-by-Four," the second was "Franklin Street."

A special introduction to a Harper's Bazaar editor led the then 18-year-old Miss Bacall back into modelling. Mrs. Howard Hawks, wife of the Warner Bros. director, saw one of her magazine photographs and was greatly impressed. So was Mr. Hawks, who sent for her, tested her, signed her to a contract and was responsible for her smashing debut in "To Have and Have Not."

A year after the picture started she married its star, Humphrey Bogart, on May 21, 1945. Her next film was "The Big Sleep," in which she co-stars with her actor husband.

Miss Bacall was born in New York City on Sept. 10, 1924. Her parents trace their American ancestry back several generations. "Arresting" describes her appearance better than "beautiful." When she speaks, her low throaty voice commands immediate attention.

She doesn't diet, has no mysterious beauty secrets, and is particularly interested in anything to do with boats. Under the guidance of her husband she is learning to sail their schooner "Santana." She has a healthy interest in national and international affairs, reads voluminously, but at present is most concerned with being Mrs. Bogart.

With the acclaim for her performance in "Leave Her to Heaven," still ringing in her ears, Gene Tierney has come through with another success in "Dragonwyck," the new 20th Century-Fox showing at the Queen's Theatre.

In the new film, based on the book by Anya Seton, Miss Tierney is seen in the role of Miranda, the wistful and sensitive country girl who is gripped in the power of a secret love. Supporting her are Walter Huston as Gene's stern and stubborn father, Vincent Price as the imperious and egomaniacal master of Dragonwyck, and Glenn Langan as the young Dr. Jeff Turner.

An action shot of Bernard Gordon and his living jesters, who open their swing revue, "Jive in Jest," at the C.S.E. Star Theatre on Monday.

Gene Tierney's New Film

Screen Guide

SHOWING TO-DAY

QUEEN'S—Dragonwyck.

KING'S—Blossoms in the Dust.

ALHAMBRA—House of Frankenstein.

CENTRAL—Typhoon.

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KING'S—Ship Ahoy.

ALHAMBRA—Men of Texas.

CENTRAL—Hot Cargo.

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NEW PLAYS, FILMS, BOOKS IN AMERICA

By Virginia Young

BROADWAY has ceased to resemble a museum, as it did early this season, when there were far more revivals than new productions, and is fulfilling earlier promises of "the biggest and bestest yet."

Lillian Hellman has written one more classic of the modern theatre in "Another Part of the Forest."

BRILLIANT, POWERFUL

This brilliant and powerful play deals with the earlier activities of the fierce Hubbard clan that battled its murderous way through "The Little Foxes."

In it you encounter that evil trio, Regina, Ben, and Oscar, when they are young but, rather than happy, showing every tendency to develop into a family of cobras.

Ben is 35, a frustrated clerk for his father who is plotting to grab control of the estate. His parent, Marcus, has acquired by vicious means.

Regina is 20, already cold, selfish, voracious, and vindictive. (Tallulah Bankhead played the role of Regina on the stage and Bette Davis in the film).

Oscar is 25, an impulsive weakling and "a proud illiterate."

Birdie, the secret drinker of "The Little Foxes," now is a frightened, ally girl.

Lavinia, the mother of this evil brood, has converted her disgust into a religious mania.

With this flock of vultures and wraiths, Miss Hellman has woven a tale of ever-impending horror in which the characters, skin every decent instinct off each other. It is, according to an eminent critic, "one of the most important dramatic and literary investigations of a section of American society." Moss Hart's new play, packs a terrific wallop.

REHABILITATION FILM

"The Best Years of Our Lives" is an American film, made in America, for Americans. It's a fine picture of Americans returning from the war, filled with love and pride for America and American people.

BUT that is no reason why any audience, anywhere, should not thoroughly enjoy, share in and rejoice in the story it tells. Sam Goldwyn makes very few pictures but when he makes them they are good.

"The Best Years of Our Lives" tells the story of three returned servicemen and their families. You first meet the three veterans when they are awaiting a flight home to the same mid-western city.

Frederic March, the middle-aged solid citizen whose forthright, honest, and direct, he came out a sergeant in the infantry.

Dana Andrews used to work behind a soda fountain; he's a captain in the Air Force now.

Then there's Harold Russell; he was the big-time, amateur athlete, but he's just an ex-sailor who has steel hooks where his hands used to be.

The film fully reflects the grim anxieties, gnawing despair, experienced by the three as they attempt to adjust themselves to the "new" life.

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When Mme Wu is 40, she announces to her husband that, having

successfully married-off her three sons, she will have a room of her own—and selects a concubine for him.

That much of the story makes good reading, but then, for some unfathomable reason, Miss Buck hauls in Brother Andrew, an unfrocked Italian friar, Brother Andre, and Mme Wu discovers posthumously that she has been holly in love with him. I don't quite get what Miss Buck meant after this point.

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How to beat the burglar

by AN INSURANCE SURVEYOR

DOES the average household take sufficient precautions to keep out the burglar?

My experience as a burglary insurance surveyor is that he doesn't.

Here are ten of the most common weaknesses in the security of houses and flats—and the remedies:

1. Is your front door fitted with a self-locking type of latch only?

If so, it is the easiest thing in the world to force it open by the old trick of using a piece of celluloid or a knitting needle.

The mortice lock
Fit a mortice dead lock as well (with four levers if possible), the sort without a handle, and always use it when you go out.

Other outside doors should have a mortice dead lock or rim dead lock, too. It is advisable to remove the keys when you leave the house empty.

2. Have you got top and bottom bolts on all outside doors, including both leaves of double doors?

The strength afforded by substantial bolts is generally underestimated, but see that long screws are used to fit them and that there is none missing.

Warped windows

3. Do all your window fasteners fit properly?

Often, owing to bomb damage, the frames have warped. Overhaul them so that the fasteners engage properly.

4. If you have sash windows on the ground floor or which are accessible, are they fitted with thumb screws in addition to the usual catches?

To prevent the popular dodge of sliding back the catch with a knife, ensure that all sash windows are fitted with thumb screws which go through both of the meeting rails.

5. If you live in a flat and there is a goods lift which passes through your kitchen, is the door to the shaft fitted with two stout bolts?

It is not unknown for a person to ride in a service lift and break through the back door. Make his work difficult—you may change his mind.

6. Do you lock all internal doors when you leave the house unoccupied?

THE PARKERS

by HODGES



Even more than men, Britain needs

More manpower hours

by SIR MILES THOMAS

Vice-chairman of the Nuffield Organisation

INDUSTRIALLY, Britain today seems to be at the parting of the ways.

Downhill we see the enveloping fog of lighter restrictions, the bureaucratic dampening of enterprise, coupled with strikes and a general corroding lethargy, the reasons for which we will examine in a moment.

Uphill we see a much brighter vista of glorious opportunities, bulging over books and growing prestige with overseas customers.

WHICH way shall we go? We ourselves can decide. If we are going to slack and slide down hill then we can say good-bye to all our hopes of a return to even half our prewar good fortune.

But if we keenly and happily and steadfastly settle down to a hard job of work then I see no limit to our prosperity; no limit to the prosperity of each one of us as individuals no matter what job we are in or where we may be working.

I CAN see signs, only faint at the moment, but sure indications, nevertheless, of a change of heart and mind, not only in industry but in other spheres as well.

Admittedly, the industrial outlook is still clouded by shortages of materials and the hazy over of wartime destruction.

There is much noisy complaint to be heard, and a general surrender to escapism expressed in terms of absenteeism from work and a wholesale flocking to sporting events.

I think that is a natural reaction after our experiences of the past seven years, those who go most ardently to battle take longest to recuperate from its ravages.

Britain put more effort into warfare than any other nation—with the possible exception of the Axis countries—and it is taking us just that

much longer to recover our balance and regain the accustomed rhythm of industrial output.

I do not believe that there will be a serious crisis in our affairs, as long as we do not each individually try to take more out of the economic system than we put in.

Nationally we have to realise that political principles are good servants but bad masters. Individually we must understand that we can only become more prosperous if we work harder. There is no other way. (And in parentheses let us remember that there are few more satisfying forms of happiness than that which comes from pride in a job well done).

We have never been a people to shirk hard work. We shall not shrink it in the task that lies ahead, of that I am convinced. What we do need, at the moment, is a reawakening of our inborn good sense of self-discipline and responsibility.

The rumblings of the last few weeks will have disturbed quite a few complacent slumberers. Once a few are wide awake, the others won't be long.

Let's be fair to ourselves. Let's try to analyse the psychological disability that seems to be sapping the energy and enterprise of the working people.

The country, we are told, is short of man-power. Whereas in 1939, there were 17,000 young men who attained the age of 18, in 1946 the figure was down to 335,000, in 1950 it will be only 295,000.

But what we lack even more than men are man-power hours. The impact of the need for more men in the Services, the reduced intake into industry by reason of

the raised school-leaving age, and the diversion of effort to essential rehabilitation services such as housing—all these things have put a high premium on the services of the individual.

In addition to this, it is said that we are all suffering from weariness.

True it is that when one goes abroad to America or Switzerland and lives off the fat of the land and eats what I call "sunshine foods"—plenty of fresh fruit, orange juice, melons, and the like—one feels an uplift of bodily well-being.

But the French, whose food supply is far from prolific, are going up from a 40-hour week to a 48-hour week; they realise the importance of hours worked when man-power is short.

Other European countries are doing the same—instead of working less they are working more, and these people, let us remember, will be serious competitors for the overseas business we are now fortuitously enjoying.

APART from this malaise of malingering which threatens us—and I believe our natural instinct for "doing the right thing" will ward off the danger—apart from this, what other handicaps are likely to hinder our recovery?

There is space here to mention one—the possibility of a breach, a misunderstanding developing between the permanent officials of the workers, the shop stewards and the representatives of the workers, the shop stewards and district secretaries would be deplorable.



RED LETTER BIRTHDAY

By QUIZ

AS Junior and Daddy and I stood on the doorstep and waved goodbye to the departing guests, excited childish voices were wafted back to us.

"Mummy, Peter was a very greedy boy." (That must be Anne telling tales on her small brother.) And from the nine to twelve year old "older set" it was "wizard". "A bang-on show." All testifying that Junior's seventh birthday party had been a social battle.

I got the very tired and excited young host bathed and abed and asleep before over-fatigue could spoil his birthday with an anticlimax of tired tears.

It was a "red letter" birthday for daddy, too, it being the first he had been able to attend since Junior was three. Daddy had been the life and soul of the party; his talents ranged from animal impersonations (very popular with the youngest set) to conjuring and a ventriloquist act.

all performed with just the right kind of comic touch by that "boy at heart," Junior's Daddy.

WHEN Daddy and I had seen Junior safely tucked up in bed, asleep and quite angelic, at last, long companion—so aged and very teddy bear—cuddled in his arms, we went downstairs, where the rooms were still charged with youthful vitality. We could still hear the squeals of delighted childish laughter and chatter that had filled the place a short while before.

We could still see excited little girls darting about, curs' an'ing, frocks no longer spick and span, transformed from party dolls to

little madcaps, but having a wonderful time!

We could still see Junior, trembling, but important, as he cut his red letter birthday cake—a super postwar cake, made of all the things we couldn't get for most of Junior's birthdays: sponge, cream, and pretty pink and white icing, with seven lighted candles brightly heralding this seventh birthday.

THE aftermath of a children's party is almost as enjoyable as the party itself—so different from its adult counterpart, with the anticlimax of stale cigarette smoke, heel-taps, and the hangover in the grey dawn, or the depressing clean-up that awaits the morning after.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Whenever Henry runs across an old flame he's horrified at how she's aged!"

CORNEL WILDE HOPES TO MAKE OLYMPIC TEAM

Cornel Wilde, who has achieved affluence as well as fame on the screen during the past 10 years, has announced he will try for a place on the American fencing team to be sent to London for the Olympic Games in 1948.

Wilde was a member of the team in 1936, but could not go to Berlin because he lacked money.

"I had to take a stage job because I needed funds," he explained recently, "but now I can afford to make the trip. If only I can qualify for the team."

Wilde will study under Fred Cavers, an outstanding fencer who in recent years has coached fencing scenes in pictures.

In his current film, "Forever Amber," Wilde fights a duel with Actor Glenn Langan over the affections of Linda Darnell, who plays Amber.

Wilde once studied fencing in Budapest, and at one time held the title of inter-collegiate fencing champion of the United States.—Associated Press.

Bright Red Suits To Pep Men Up

Men don't have the nerve to wear loud clothes, says the president of a clothing designers' association.

"There's nothing like a bright red suit to pep a fellow up," said Ralph Carver of Los Angeles, president of the Merchant Tailors and Designers Association of America, speaking at a convention in Chicago.

He dared to say that even an orange or purple suit can put over a personality. Women, he said, do what they please and get away with it, so the men should do likewise. Carver concluded: "Men have been taking out their colour frustration too long on loud socks, ties and pajamas."—United Press.

SNOWFLAKES FROM ANTARCTICA

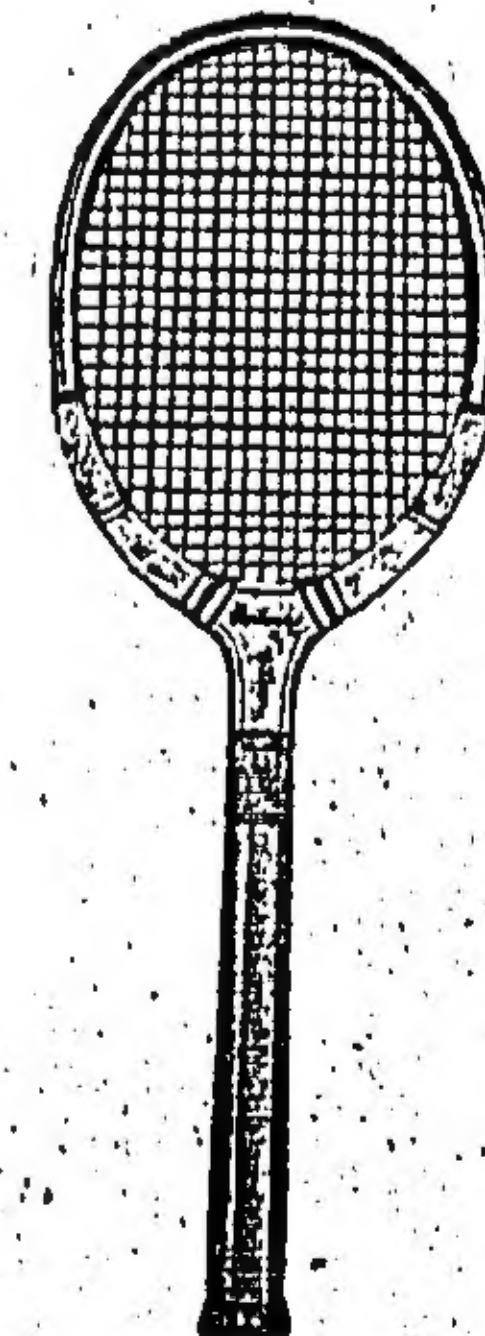
The Finn Ronne research expedition to the South Pole plans to bring back to the United States some Antarctic snowflakes. The expedition took along equipment and instructions from Vincent J. Schaefer, "snowflake scientist," for preserving samples of snow crystals for observation and study. Schaefer has developed a plaster replica method whereby flakes are caught as they fall in a quick-drying liquid plastic solution. The result—a perfect reproduction of the flake in plastic.—United Press.

Nylon Pants For Footballers

The American Institute of Chemists reports that the weight of uniforms worn by football players will be reduced from 18 to 10 pounds. Dr. Gustav Egloff, president of the institute, says future gridiron heroes will wear fibre glass jerseys, nylon pants and foam rubber padding.

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• THE WORLD OF WOMEN •

Robb looks in on a 25s. freshener



ROBB made a visit to a Bond-street beauty salon recently and made these sketches while Elizabeth Arden's hand masseuse was demonstrating what is known as a muscle-strapping treatment. In Bond-street they charge you 25 shillings for the treatment, but if you follow the drawings and the notes below you can try it for yourself at home. Every massage movement of the treatment should be done at least three times—slowly. When you've gone through all the actions described below your face is ready for its make-up.

Remember these hints:—
Make up your neck as well as your face with your foundation cream. Always use a darker foundation than your powder.
On a small chin use a lighter shade of powder to give it prominence; on a large nose use a darker shade.
Always start powdering at the neck and work up.
Keep rouge above the line of the nostril to give your face a lift.
Lipstick should lift at the droop at the corners of your upper lip.

HOW TO TRY IT ON YOURSELF AT HOME

Sash & frill fashion note



Screen print frock for next summer. Wrap-round skirt fastens with a bow; double cape sleeves and deep frill on skirt are finely pleated.



1 Applying cream: Work it into face and neck for five minutes with the knuckle-kneading movement (drawn here). Then change to a gentle, circular inner massage. Always work from the centre out and up and follow the contours.
2 Removing cream: Make a pad of cotton wool and soak it with oil. With this pad massage the neck and leave the face to dry. Apply skin food next.
3 Massage: Deal with the laughter lines at eyes and mouth with slow circular movement. Then with layers of the strapping-soaked cotton wool make a mask. Then massage the whole face. Remove the mask after 10 minutes, rolling it up from chin.
4 Applying rouge: Three dots of cream rouge are applied in the forehead, nose and chin. Should be applied in the finger tips, not smeared in. Women with broad faces are advised to use rouge nearer the nose.



GLAMOUR GOES TO THE HEAD

If personal appearance favours I were being handed round on a platter, I'd like to hazard a guess there would be any number of women who would leap at the chance to make their hair more eye-arresting in colour. Show me, for instance, the woman who would not like to be "the one with the red hair" or "that gorgeous brunette, the almost brunette, or the rather mousy in between. It is true that, for straight-out glamour and vivid "sheek" appeal, no other coloured "hair" can quite match red in any one of its many fascinating tonings, irrespective of whether it came that way or not.

It is the most direct way of looking "kneecap" of turning all other heads of suggesting the most feminine sort of allure. The woman born with red hair inherits along with it an entirely separate set of pigmentation and beauty-difference. Taking full advantage of both, and adding to it a sense of the dramatic, she can make colour her most valuable ally. There is only one hard and fast cosmetic colour rule for the copper-top; the skins of all natural red-heads are cream in colour and yellow in undertone. Nature, being a master of colour, has never put red hair on a blue-undertoned (or olive) skin. Only woman makes that mistake.

scented, pine-tar shampoo will work gleaming wonders. The more mature greyhead wants a shampoo preparation that will neutralise the tendency to yellowness. Best shop around for the perfect one.

THE comforting thing about colour experiments is that they need not be all-or-nothing. Let's pretend you can't decide about actually dyeing your hair. What to do? Why, simply try a temporary rinse or tint first. It will last only until the next shampoo, and if you want to go back to your original hair-colour there's not a thing to prevent you.

Generally speaking, vinegar, lemon, or bluing rinses are the preferred ones for home use, and they give lustre without changing the basic colour in any way. That is their purpose—to highlight the natural colour, not to change it. About actual bleaches and dyes there is only this to be said: Many of the newly perfected ones are excellent—in the hands of the expert who truly knows how. And once started with bleaches and dyes it takes time and money to keep the head looking natural and immaculate.

POINTS FROM PARIS

Paris—Asymmetry goes for nearly everything. Necklines, draped, or plain V, all go to one side. Skirt are draped to one side, towards the back, up in front, but never evenly.

Schlaparelli's "bumper bustles" are meant for walking, not sitting. She gives her severely tailored suits this curious rounded build-out—like the bumpers on a streamlined car.

Green takes the lead. Almond-green, dark pine-green, myrtle-green and a pale white-green like an edelweiss flower.

"Dog collars" are in—to dress up neck and shoulders left bare by the new daringly low décolletages. Double or triple rows of large pearls—pink, white or grey, or all three—fastened with a dramatic paste clasp are favourites.

Signs of a new concentration on elegance appear in afternoon dresses, which take more wearing; evening dresses which demand a great occasion, and a new all-time high in carefully chosen accessories.

Paris jewellers have turned the Rue de la Paix into Aladdin's cave. I've seen a hair ornament in the shape of an exquisitely worked bird set with diamonds and sapphires. Its tail sprouts into real agnettes. "Jonquil" diamonds (those yellowish-tinted ones) are combined with white diamonds to make flower brooches.

BETTY WILSON.

Minute Make-up
by GABRIELLE



Wear eyeshadow to match your jewels! With Emeralds use deep Green eyeshadow. Use Black mascara on the lashes but tip the ends with Green mascara. Make of your eyes twin Sapphires by using Deep Blue eyeshadow to match Sapphire clips worn at the neckline of your dress. Fringe your lashes with Dark Blue mascara.



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Scarves From Queen Mary

Among the clothes taken by Queen Elizabeth and the two Princesses for their tour of the Union of South Africa are three scarves which may, one day, be museum pieces. These are copies of the scarf designed by Jacquar which, in addition to a floral border in delicate colours, has a kind of fairy story "The King sets forth..." written in the centre in two languages—English and Afrikaans. Each of these special scarves has the name of the recipient—for these are farewell gifts from Queen Mary—inscribed on them. "for Queen Elizabeth" "for Princess Margaret Rose."

Another special printed scarf has been presented to the wife of Field Marshal Smuts, and on it was inscribed "for Ouma," the pet name by which she is universally known in her own country. In addition, the Queen Mother chose one of these scarves for her own use, and hers is inscribed "for Queen Mary."

This is a reminder that Queen Mary is one of the most interested observers of new fashions and new materials. If there is an interesting exhibition of fabrics Her Majesty is sure to visit it unless she is prevented by bad weather.

So, regardless of clothing colours, whether a natural or persuaded redhead, foundation and powder, should have a yellow cast, and rouge and lipstick be in shades of golden-red with a yellow undertone.

The present-day art of colouring the hair has changed enormously since the days when the word "dye" was whispered in quiet corners, well out of ear-range of the children, and there are now all sorts of exciting—and credible—shades in all colour groups for those born with more matter-of-fact tresses.

All the seamy guesswork has been eliminated from the art of hair dyeing. In the hands of a competent operator you can be perfectly confident of the shade with which you will appear in the discerning light of day, and, more to the point, know for sure that the actual texture of the hair has not been harmed.

The spiritual lift that comes from the knowledge that your hair is lustrous and highlighted will reflect itself in upright carriage and a proudly held head.

There's good news for all dull locks in shampoo preparations—keyed to individual hair colour, and perfectly safe for use in your own bathroom.

The blonde has the lemon shampoo—a sweet-smelling blend of natural lemon oils—to reawaken those golden glints in her hair.

For the brunette there are special shampoos with a camomile base to highlight lurking colour.

And for the brunette a pine-

BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

The Business Girl MUST be on TIME!

TIMELY TIP!

Be on Time—that is such an important thing! To be late for business, late for "dates," is an indication of an untidy mind.

Business girls, and who isn't a business girl these days, find it of the utmost importance to be on time—and to save time! If you have a job, be on time!

Plan your hours so that they will mean the most to you. Get up a little bit earlier—take so many minutes for bath, so many minutes for doing your face, for doing your hair. Do everything by the clock at first and very soon it will become a part of your quick routine.

Don't sleep late (Go to bed a little earlier!) and then rush about blindly, dabbling on rouge, leaving your blouse unzipped, dropping face pow-

der on your clothes. You will never win by wasting your business time or your beauty time.

No, on our toes now, girls, let's go! No matter what type of work you do you can add that extra-special touch, that bit of feminine niceness that will make you do better, more efficient work.

Go over all your Beauty Equipment. Clean out your boxes and cupboards. Clean up jars and bottles. Put things together nicely. Clean your combs. Swish your hair brush in hot, sudsy water. Lay the brush on its back to dry. Clean your dress necklines, freshen up all of your little accessories. At night, pick out what you will wear in the morning. You will save time, look fresh, smart—and you will be doing your job of duty and work! And—be On Time!



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HAS FUN FINDING OUT ABOUT CIGARETTE CARDS

OR a nostalgic half-hour I talked to a colonel about cigarette cards. This is not a subject on which most colonels would have much to say, but this particular one, Colonel C. L. Bagnall, made his living out of them before the war and has begun to do it again now the war is over.

What he used to do was to buy cigarette cards by the hundredweight and make them up into the sets which he sold to the 70,000 collectors on his mailing list at anything from 9d. up.

Schoolboys will be glad to know the colonel has definite information that the big cigarette people intend to issue cards again as soon as the paper situation eases.

One firm in the West Country has already started with a series of pictures of old-time Bristol, and another set is coming out in New Zealand.

What has been happening in the cigarette card world since they disappeared from our packets in 1940? The colonel says that the best collectors—cartophiles in the name—have continued with enthusiasm throughout the darkest hours.

"Actress" set: £10

PRICES have gone up, of course, but hundreds of thousands of cards still change hands every year.

A set that used to cost 9d. now runs out at anything from 2s. 6d. to 5s., and at a cigarette card auction in London last November a set of the rare "Actresses" with the log cabin back fetched £10.

Two proof sets of the life of Edward VIII, which was never issued, were sold at £4 each.

The increased prices of newer issues are not due to rarity so much as to the higher wages paid for sorting them into sets.

Cigarette cards were first used as stiffeners in the packet and were plain. Then somebody got the idea of printing pictures on them.

In spite of much research cartophiles have never established just who this was. At one time the Americans were credited with the idea, but this theory has been exploded by a discovery which must have shaken the cigarette card world.

MY RETREAT TO MOSCOW

"GOING back to Moscow? I don't envy you," said the Old Friend, as we met in Elton High-street.

Quickly he became the Candid Friend by adding: "Frankly, I think you're crazy. Why not go somewhere pleasant like Washington? The Russian climate's beastly, the food's dull, fuel's short, no good books are being written, and art is stagnant—except for the ballet."

"You'll be lonely because most Russians will be afraid to talk to you; the censorship is inquisitorial; you'll get next to nothing into the paper, and even if you do it won't signify, because people are not interested in Russia any more."

Much of what he said is true—and all of it is irrelevant. One does not go to Moscow to have a good time but to be at the centre of great events. Of the two places, Washington and Moscow, where things will shortly happen that will affect the lives of every one of us in Britain, Moscow, I think, is the more crucial, precisely because it is the more difficult.

MARCH 10

TO represent the biggest newspaper in Britain in the most important capital on the Continent is no mean task, even though it is often a stiff and uphill one.

It is a task to undertake with confidence because the newspaper's policy toward Russia is sound and wise—a policy of quiet friendship, without recrimination.

You do not read in its pages Stockholm travellers' tales about Stalin's imminent disintegration or Istanbul bazaar's rumours about cannibalism in the Ukraine.

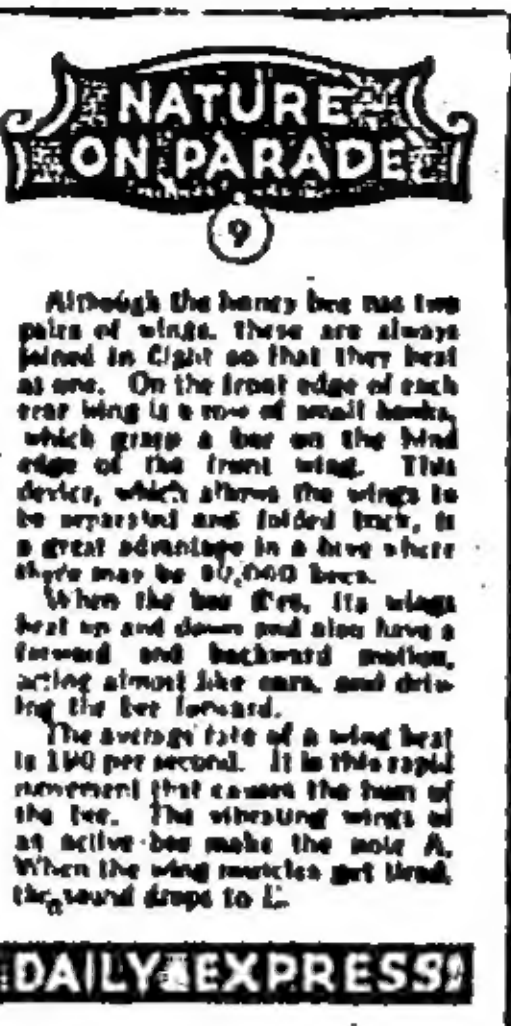
On March 10 Moscow stages the most important conference since Versailles. The fate of Germany—which is to be the fate of Europe—will there be decided for generations to come. Hundreds of journalists will attempt to descend on Moscow's utterly inadequate hotels. Only a handful will get in.

GREAT LOSS

THE best brains in Britain should have gone to Russia to tell us of the astonishing things—bad, as well as good—that were going on there. That this did not happen was a great loss to us—perhaps an even greater misfortune for the Soviet people.

Having spent much of my newspaper life in the two nations with whose destiny ours is now most closely linked—five years in Washington and three in Moscow—I could dilate the essential difference between them into one paragraph, thus:

On this desk, as I write, is the portrait of Franklin Roosevelt. I received when attending that great man's second inauguration, nine years ago, in my drawer is a good deal of austerity—but I pay it, gladly.



Colonel Bagnall once paid £115 for four sets of Lloyd's "Peoples and their Flags." The reason he paid so much was that, so far as he knows, they are the only complete sets in existence.

Another rarely he has a set of scenes of Maori life issued in New Zealand. There are only two other complete sets in the world.

A firm that sold cigarettes to the natives in West Africa used to put little trinkets in the packets. The colonel has some of these, but no one collects them seriously, he says, because they might equally well have come out of a Christmas cracker.

Among collectors...

A PART from schoolboys, what sort of people collect cigarette cards? Well, one of the biggest collections was made by a town clerk in Staffordshire. He had 4,000 complete sets. Then there is a vicar in Holloway, N., who has 500 sets.

Queen Mary collects them and so do some of her ladies-in-waiting. Not long ago an engine driver produced a cigarette card of himself in court and it was taken as evidence of good character.

So you see the whole thing is quite grown-up and respectable.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

I AM still wondering what a woman meant who, after looking at a picture in her paper of a whaling ship about to set out, said emphatically, "Now at last there will be more eggs for the Welsh."

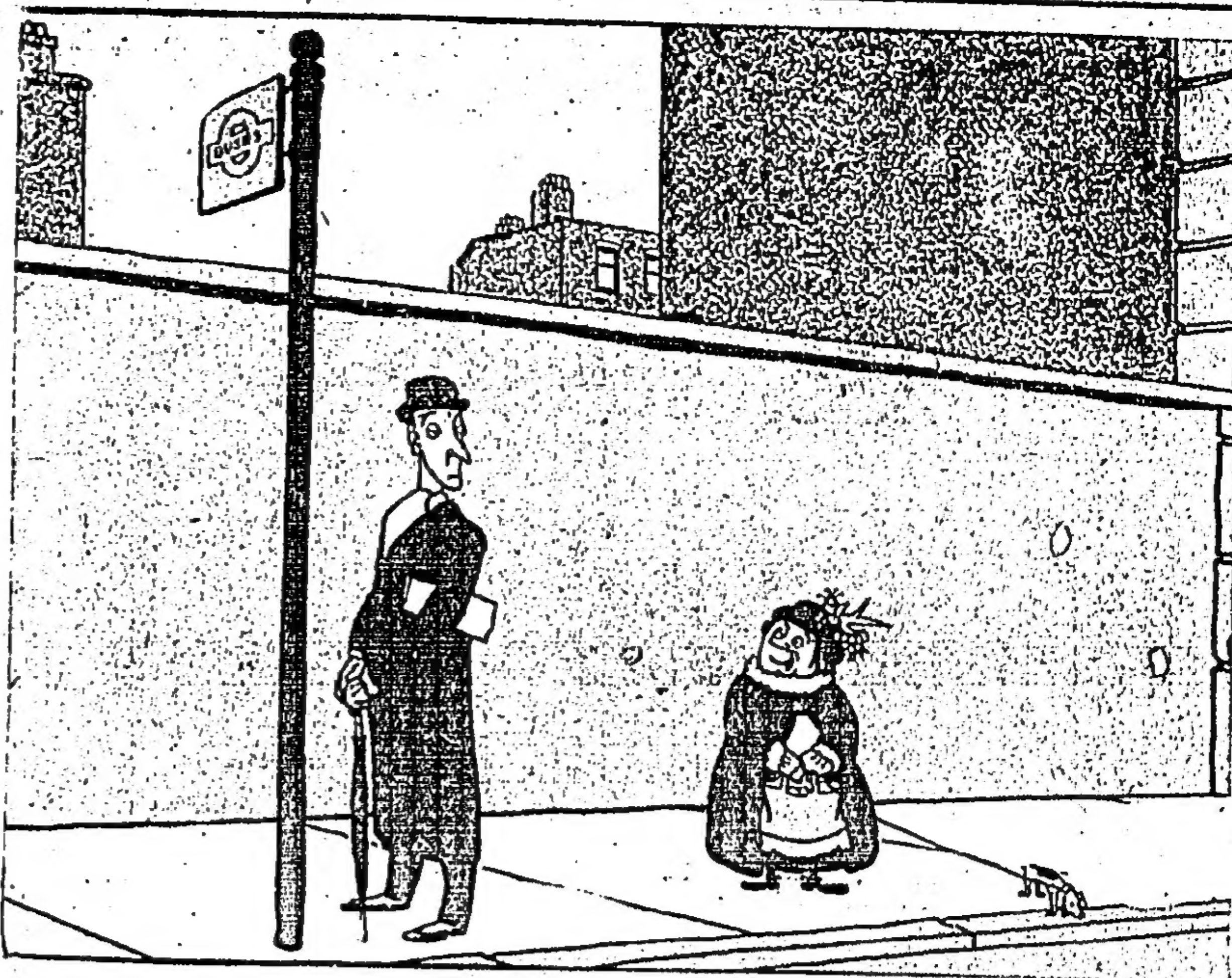
Falling a reasonable explanation this reminds me of Commander Tower's remark, when told that the trade in worn-out horses for Belgium was still going on. "The Belgians don't hunt enough," said Commander Tower.

Frightfully decent show

THE first grandmother to become a billiard-marker is so small that she cannot reach the marking-board. This was only discovered when, at the end of her first session, no scores at all were marked up. "Never mind," said an official, "she is blinding the trail for those taller ones who will come after her."

Rustiguzzi walks out

THE psychiatrist recommended a pseudopsychologist, and Rustiguzzi, accompanied by Aprioch K. Hunchmeyer jun., found herself in a large consulting room. Behind a desk sat a little bird of a man, with small, restless eyes, and an evident desire to hop about. He pressed a



"I broke all me Noo Year resolutions first day. Done yours yet, sir?"

WILLIAM HICKEY

Stop me and save one

A S small boys will, a youngster leaving a Birmingham school dodged under the footpath guard-rail and into the road without looking.

Had Jack Hellberg been a less careful and experienced driver the lad would have been killed. As it was he got there and then the smacking he deserved.

The incident set engineer Hellberg pondering some simple device to warn motorists not merely that they are approaching a school, but that children are likely to be doing the same. He has a 4½-year-old son of his own.

It is a portable traffic sign red-lighted only at peak danger times. That is ten minutes or so before schools open, after schools leave.

The sign was made in a day and cost £3 1s 6d. Try-out earned praise of police and parents.

GOING to the Mansion House this morning to receive the King's Police Medal for meritorious service was CHARLES HAYWARD, 50-year-old chief of City of London detectives.

Meat includes solving the five murders in the City since he became superintendent in 1937 and his success in muzzling sharpshooters.

Like previous C. I. D. chiefs, Hayward lives on the job in a flat above the police station. He was at Clock-lane station when it was blitzed in March 1941, and his wife being seriously hurt and their 16-year-old daughter killed.

From the Aberdeen Weekly Journal: Eating out in Aberdeen restaurants is going to cost more soon, and tipping is to be discouraged.

SEASONAL tendency to peace, retrenchment and reform deepens the current misanthrope of London's more expensive barmen, but wrings crocodile tears from me.

They are mostly in business on their own account, pay the hotels an agreed percentage of profits but are

themselves responsible for waiters' wages and the like. Even with large whiskeys and sodas at 6s. 8d. a go, one of London's best was £40 down in wages alone over Christmas, and there is no revival yet.

Foreboding is that the nationalised resolutions made for us by Mr. HUGH DALTON will break less easily than our own.

SELECT Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders after wrestling with the complexities beloved of Whitehall, reports with feeling: "Your Committee hope that now that hostilities have ceased, Departments may find themselves able to frame any order made under Defence Regulations that it will be content with the grandchildren of the Statute and not to bring its great-grandchildren or great-great-grandchildren upon the scene."

CRIME of eating illegal bread alleged at Lord Mayor of Portsmouth's banquet for Montgomery was avoided by member of City Livery Club at luncheon to Admiral Sir JOHN CUNNINGHAM.

He gravely unwrapped white paper packet, produced half slice of agreed percentage of profits but are

CONQUEST OF PAIN

By A Medical Correspondent

I WONDER how many people realise that 1946 was the centenary year of the birth of anaesthetics.

Let us consider the development of this, the greatest boon to suffering humanity.

Begin with Pepsys Diary and just think what must have been the physical pain of being "cut for the stone"—without any anaesthetic!

One does not know which to admire most—the fortitude of our ancestors or the skill of the operators who—themselves dirty and with unsterilised instruments—operated at such speed that quite a fair proportion of their patients recovered.

Again, imagine a battlefield of other days—the fate of the wounded and the amputations done in record time, but without anaesthesia.

The wonder is that any one survived the combined stresses of shock and sepsis. And yet, as we know, a great many did.

People anaesthetised

In 1846 an American dentist began to put his patients to sleep with ether. Chloroform was added at a later date.

Like many new discoveries, it was at first sneered at and derided. But, though unsafe through unknown dosage, its benefits were so enormous that it survived.

When Queen Victoria had one of her later children under chloroform it became really popular. Little further progress was made for many years.

In the last decade, however, big strides have been made in the science of anaesthetics.

The discovery of avertin, given as an enema, followed by the intravenous anaesthetics, has revolutionised the art, and the sufferings of patients, both pre- and post-operatively, have diminished enormously.

No longer are we stifled with masks, passing out into unconsciousness with our hearts pounding, to come round vomiting and with a violent headache.

Haunted in dreams

No longer do frightened children have to be carried, terrified, to an operating theatre to see white-robed, masked forms which later haunt them in their dreams.

No, you pass out in your bed with a little pricking pain in the arm, to wake up with most of the psychological stress and a great deal of the physical suffering avoided.

Truly we should be grateful to the anaesthetists, now a highly specialised profession. No branch of medicine has made such strides, and they should rank equally with the surgeons whose efforts they make so much more easy.

The latest method, which may well be developed has been produced by two medical students in Australia, whereby complete anaesthesia is induced by means of an electrical current. This method is in its infancy, and the results are being carefully watched.

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EIGHT MEN DROPPED FROM THE SKIES, AND SO BEGAN THE STORY OF THE ARMY OF THE JUNGLE HOLE

How the wild tribes of Borneo were organised to drive out the Japs
By TOM HARRISON

BORNEO is the second largest island in the world, and practically the whole of it is mountainous jungle.

The mountains go up to 13,000 feet, and the jungle is generally over 200 ft. tall.

There, in the heart of the jungle, took place the only large-scale operation about which no one has yet written, partly because I'm the only one of the three officers in charge who is in circulation.

Major G. B. Carter, 42, lately governor of Borneo, and a very gallant English gentleman, is too busy being the chief of police in Sarawak.

Major Toby Carter, 37, tall, tough, but gentle to look at, a New Zealand oil surveyor, is too busy helping sort out the mess in which the Japs left the Borneo oilfields.



Lawai, B.E.M.; chief of Boreo

Hidden land

AS the three of us came to control an area as large as Ireland, and to kill Japs at the ratio of 100 for every one of our own losses, I feel it is up to me to tell the story of that strange jungle collaboration between English, New Zealand, Australian, and Dutch paratroopers, along with thousands of native peoples, head-hunter tribes, Malays and Chinese, Javanese and Sikhs—even in the end some Jap deserters.

It all started in a little hole in the jungle right in the centre of Borneo, at a place called Boreo, which in native dialect means "the Plain of Wind."

We were only able to find that hole in the jungle because of 1932. In 1932 I was leader of the Oxford University Expedition to Sarawak. We got a good way inland, but much further inland we saw great mountain ranges which the natives called Tamabo.

And we heard that behind them lay a sort of Shangri-la—a great rich, fertile plain, abounding in cattle, rice and tobacco, and inhabited by a tribe called Kelabits.

All of us ached to get up into that mysterious hinterland.

But it would have taken months of travel with all sorts of supply difficulties. We had to forget it.

In 1941 Japan occupied Borneo and by 1944 the powers that were beginning to take a revived interest in the island.

The Americans and Australians had cleared New Guinea, and were working up towards the Philippines.

Moonbation was building up for the big push through Burma, Borneo, with its three tremendous oilfields and its controlling position in the South China Sea, was an obvious stepping-stone in the next stages of the great pincer movement on Japan.

But what was happening in Borneo? On the Intelligence map the whole of the country was blank. Allied headquarters began to look everywhere for people who could help them fill in the blank.

So one day I had one of those mysterious interviews in a half-lit hotel off the Embankment. And within a few days I found myself going through a course of "subversive" training.

Next thing I knew, I was being whisked across the world. Priority One, in a plane to Australia. There I met Carter and Sochen.

The plain beyond

THE difficulty was to find any place in Borneo where we could either land a plane or drop by parachute.

I remembered those mighty Tamabo ranges and the stories of the plain behind them, that would be ideal.

At this stage (latish '44) the Americans took Moratal, a small island between Borneo and New Guinea.

A Liberator could fly from Moratal to Central Borneo, spare half an hour for a look round, and get back to base in 12 hours' flying over Jap-held area.

So I found myself hiking my way up the south-west Pacific along with an RAAF liaison officer, solid, rosy-faced Squadron-Leader Frank Cook, of Sydney.

We had to fly with the American 13th US Army Air Force.

These brave boys had the most marvellous maps of Borneo, with every detail filled in by some guy in Washington who deserves the Pulitzer Prize for imaginative journalism.

Desperate

THEY even elevated the highest mountain, Kinabalu ("The Black Widow") an extra 6,000 ft. to the 20,000 line.

However, as American planes appear to me to fly by instinct, they fortunately ignored the maps, glad to get me lie forward in the bombardier's look-out, and tell them which way to point the plane.

But we couldn't find that hole in the jungle, even though we showed unshakeable heroism in flying with these Americans.

By this time things were getting slightly desperate.

Drifting nervously down through the damp cloud, the first things we saw below us were two red deer going for their lives.

Within a few seconds... squelch! The plain proved to be that paratroopers' dream, a nice wet, soft bog. Meanwhile where were the other four? No sign of them drifting anywhere around.

Had they gone home because they hadn't been able to see the hole in the jungle through cloud?

Worse still, our radio and other stores, which had been dropped in special containers, were equally lost to view.

While my four were still puzzling about what had happened to the others there appeared three tall, dark figures wearing loincloths and with leopard teeth in their ears, wading through the swamp, and waving (of all things) a white flag.

They were friendly. We judged this by interminable handshakes and caresses—we could not speak to them and they could not speak to us.

They led us through the swamp on to an open grassland plain, then to the native long-house, which we learned, to our amazement, actually was the place where I had originally meant to land at Boreo.

Village on poles

BAREO, like any Kelabit village, is simply one long house, built 15 ft. off the ground on poles, with palm-leaf roof and beautiful hand-made plank walls and floors.

It is divided lengthways down the middle. One half is the verandah. Bachelors and visitors sleep here.

In the other half, each family lives around its own fireplace.

There are no partitions between the families. Everything in Kelabit life is carried on in public. We never could teach these people that the white man liked a little privacy. To them the very idea of privacy didn't even exist.

There were 57 people living in Bareo. All went mad when they saw us.

None of them had seen more than three or four white men before. Some had never seen one.

Without exception they were delighted to see a white man back. They had thought the British were finished.

First faint sign

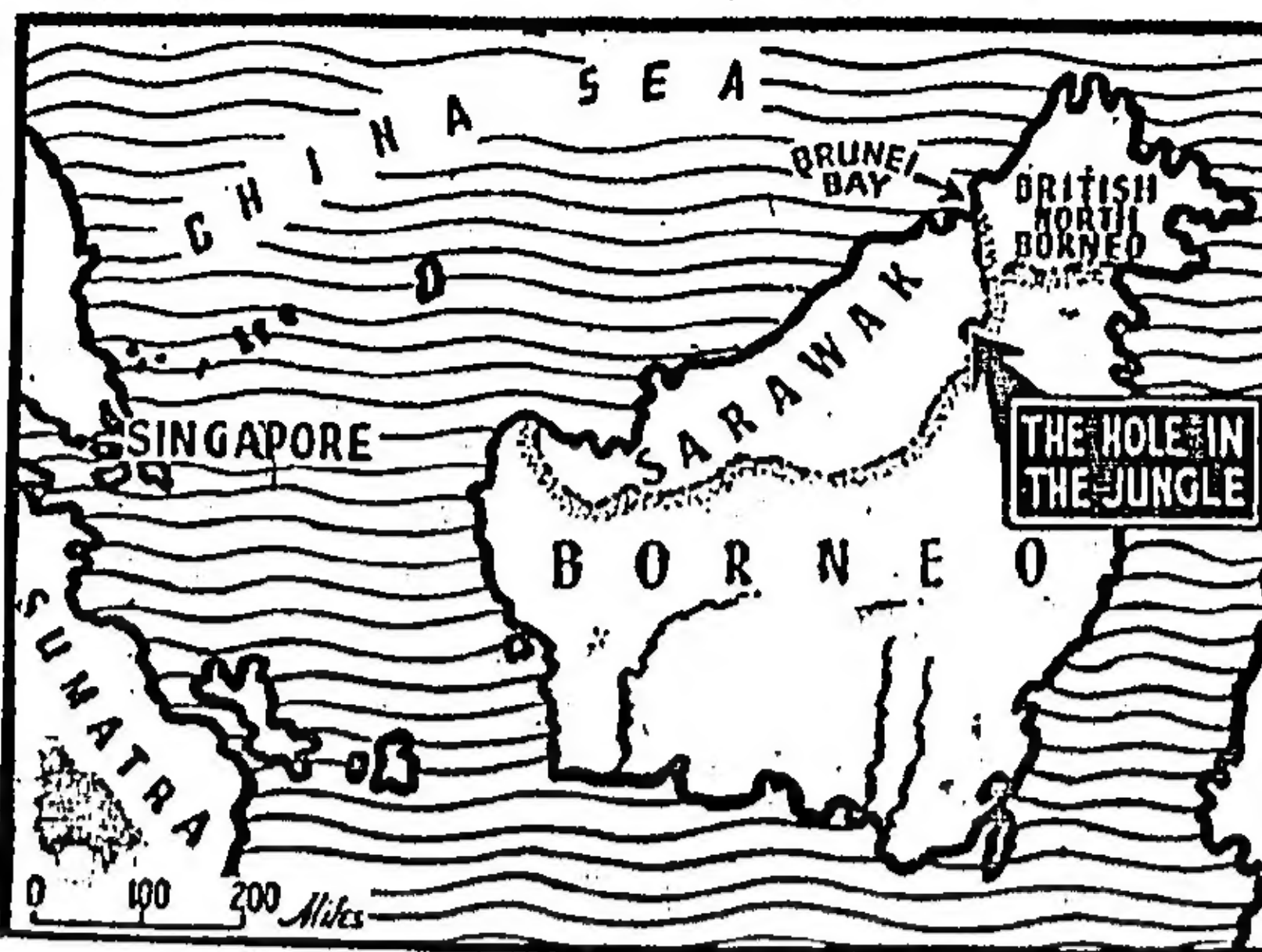
WE were only the first faint and insignificant sign of return. By helping us they risked everything. They knew what to expect from the Japanese, who had already warned everyone against assisting paratroopers or shot-down airmen.

But there was no question about it. These simple pagan people guaranteed the success of our operation within the first hour.

The chief of Bareo, an elderly man named Lawai, sent his young men as runners to gather in the whole surrounding population.

By next day there were hundreds, and within a fortnight delegations representing 100,000 natives had travelled, pleading support for a hundred miles around.

The King has since awarded Lawai the British Empire Medal. He is probably the only man in the world holding this decoration who cannot read, write or look at a photograph the right way up.



Meanwhile the four men in the second plane, who had been dropped miles away in the jungle, also found their way to the village, thanks to Edmeades' jungle skill.

It is by no means unknown for even a native to get lost within half a mile of a village, and to wander around for days until starvation kills him.

The wireless was found, too, and set up. Soon Bower and Hallam were tapping out the good news on a portable set to Darwin, a thousand miles away in Australia. Quickly I organised native spies to radiate in all directions.

Our big trouble was the immense distances that had to be covered. These people are wonderful travellers and runners, even by night.

Secret agents

EVERY secret agent had a relay system of runners attached to him, to whip back the information.

Even then it took five to six days to come up from the coast at Brunel Bay, one of the areas that most interested the Australian Army, and another week to come up from the east coast, where landings were also planned.

Later on we were able to set up wireless stations all along behind the coastlines and around Japanese posts, including one within a mile of Japanese General Headquarters. We managed to pin-point the main Jap positions in the Brunel sector sufficiently to direct air attacks and to

"Candidus" on Income Tax:

BURDEN WILL FALL ON A MINORITY

LAST Wednesday's bolt from the blue that Income Tax is to be imposed at once naturally came as a shock, and the more one ponders the more one wonders who made the decision, and upon what advice. It is not a question of wishing to impose taxation as far as British nationalists are concerned, for they can "take it" as philosophically as the people of Britain. It is the undeniable fact that someone has either put the glass to the blind eye, or willfully disregarded the advice, or refused to seek the advice, of those who, by reasons of many years spent in the Far East, know that the tax

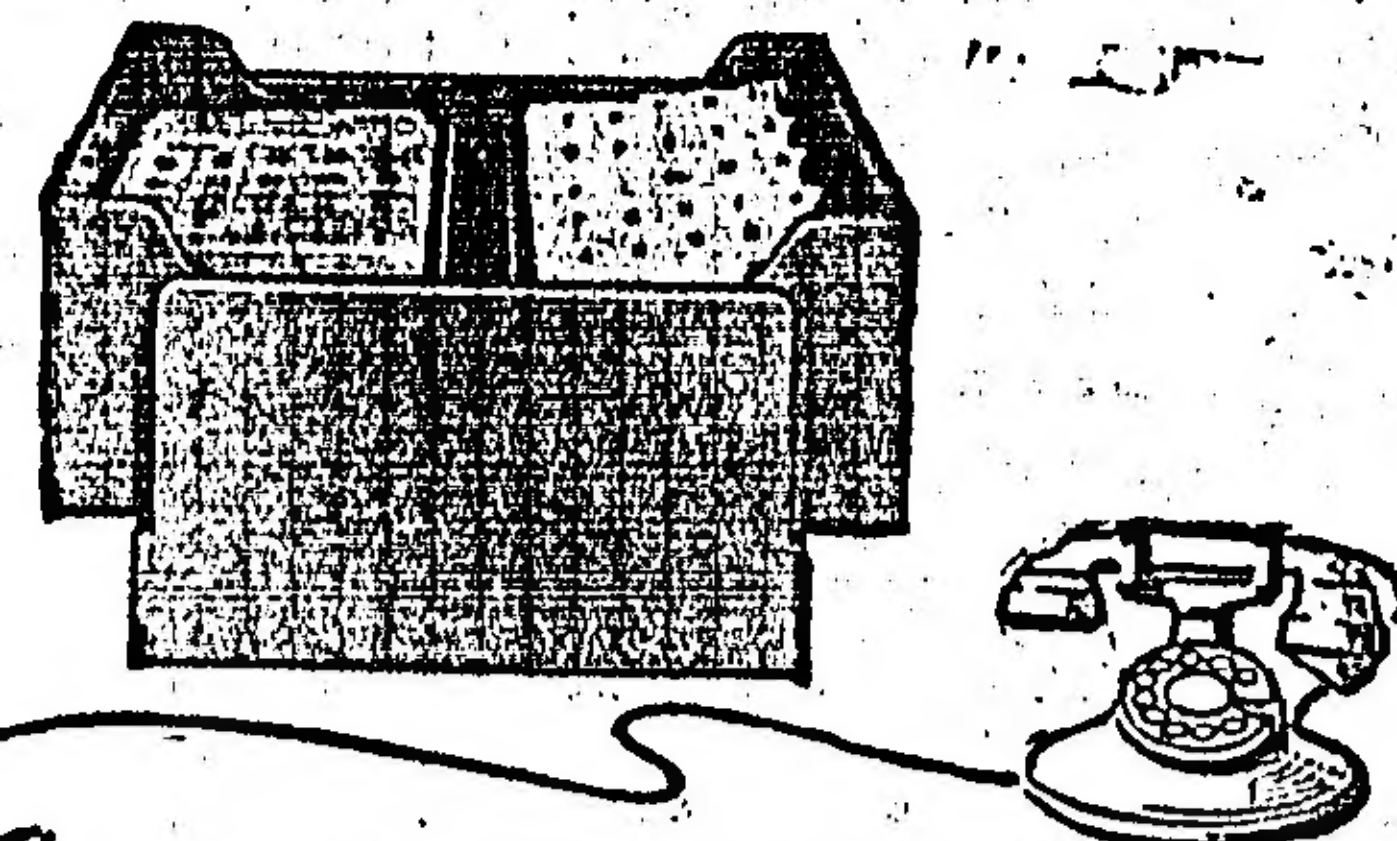
will not be truly universal for the simple reason that the majority of Hongkong's population will evade it. It will be interesting to learn whether advice was sought; whether the unofficers were consulted or not. It is pleaded that this tax is needed to rehabilitate the Colony's finances. A tax for such a necessary purpose must be one calculated to cover the community as a whole, and not a minority from whom the collection happens to be simplicity itself.

Surely there are ways and means of spreading the cost of financial rehabilitation evenly. Sales tax, profit tax, poll tax, luxury tax, increased rates and taxes, harbour dues—these would secure universal coverage, although crocodiles' tears would doubtless be wrung from the overwhelming section of the Chinese community who are past masters in dodging their responsibilities. There are, of course, a number of Chinese men of integrity and standing who will come within the scheme of things, but they, as I maintain above, are very much in the minority.

As soon as a restaurant or meals tax was imposed, who complained? That form was not easy to dodge. There will be no protest from the overwhelming majority of the Chinese in the matter of income tax, because no form of revenue can be more easily dodged.

Autocratic decisions are not pleasant, and bearing in mind the veil of secrecy which has been employed is far as those who pay are concerned, who can call it other than autocratic? Somebody has been very misguided or wilfully obstinate.

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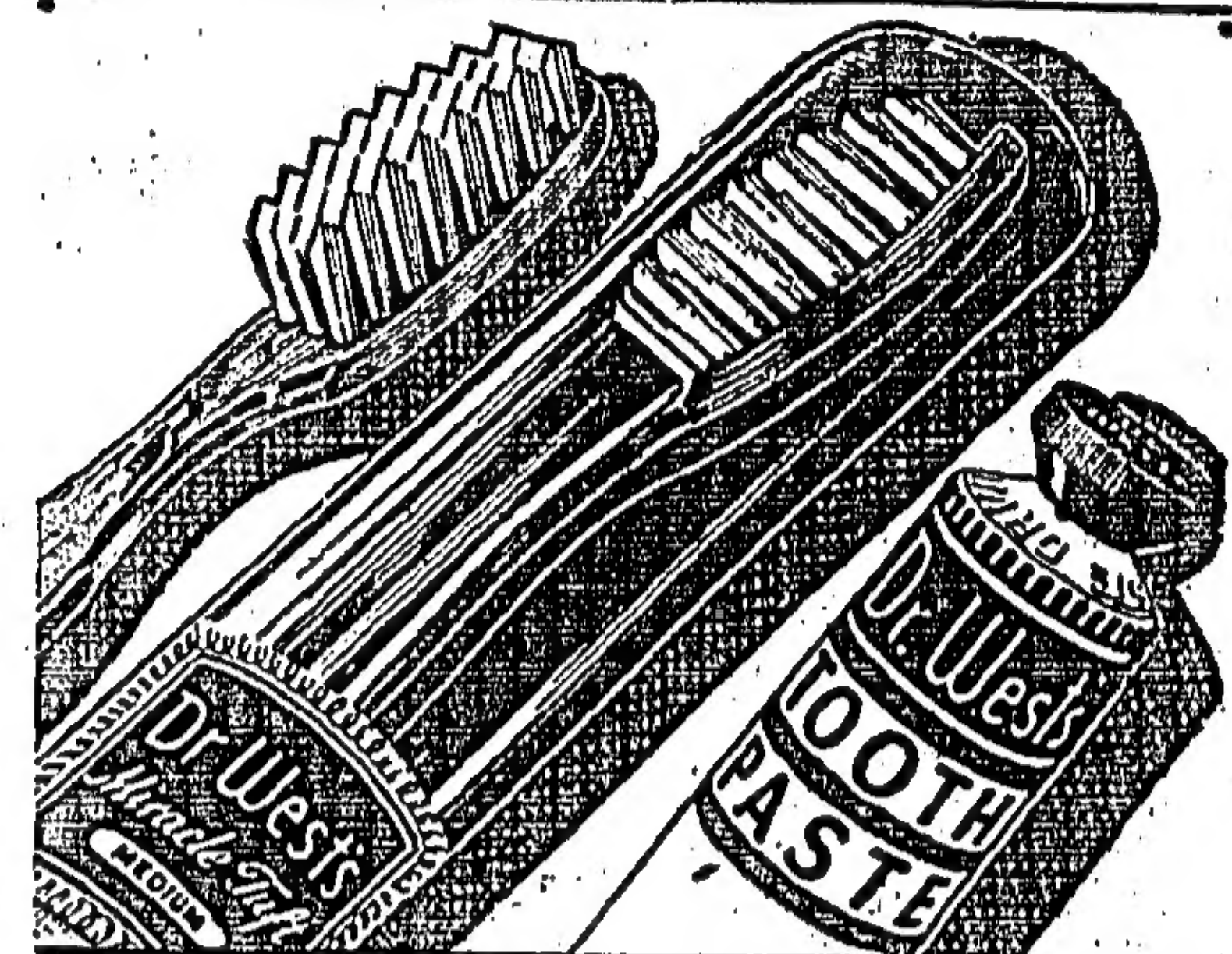
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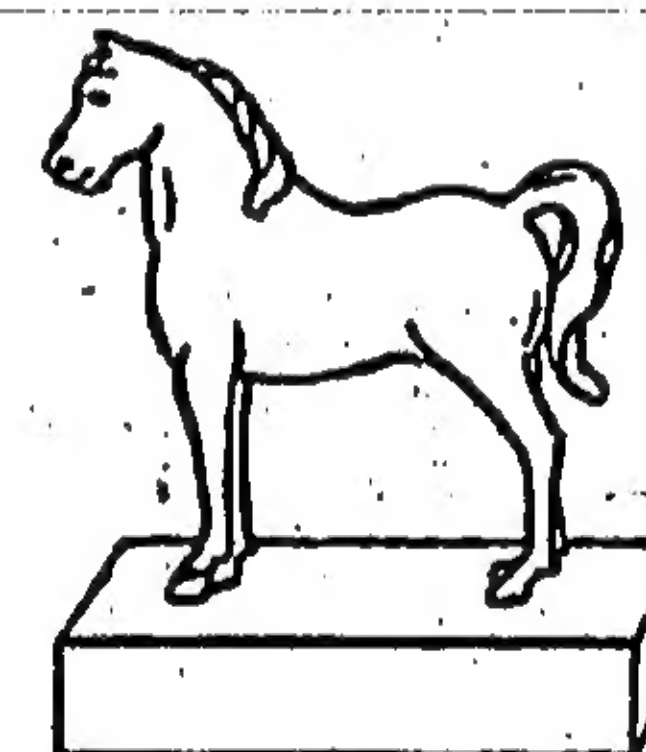
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An average-sized person would have to swallow a large spoonful of DDT, from 20 to 40 grams, to become violently poisoned, in the opinion of Dr. Frederick Crescille, associate professor of zoology at the University of California at Los Angeles.

"When administered in sufficient doses to an animal such as a monkey, DDT causes marked toxic effects as shown by the development of a continuous violent tremor, an inability to co-ordinate movements and eventually a series of periodic convulsions," he said. "Dogs, cats, rats and rabbits show somewhat similar symptoms."

Ex-Bombardier Archie Parish, 25, is sweating out "missions" to the operating room at Sawtelle Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles just as he now forgets Japanese-held islands in the South Pacific—until he got hit.

When his plane was hit and he was wounded in 1943 over some now-forgotten Japanese-held island, it started Archie on three years of plastic surgery.

With one operation scheduled every three weeks, Archie soon will have new lips, nose, ears and cheeks. Between times, he attends an aircraft instrument school under the G.I. bill. While a patient in the hospital, he studies automotive electricity.

THE DARK MIRROR

BY LOW



THEY even elevated the highest mountain, Kinabalu ("The Black Widow") an extra 6,000 ft. to the 20,000 line.

Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 10

1. When Julius Caesar invaded Britain he found our ancestors telling time by means of—
Water clocks, sundials, hour-glasses, pendulums?
2. A long-six is—
Seven, cricket ball hit out of ground, candle, domino?
3. Of which poet was it said that he "wrote like an angel, but talked like poor Poll"—
Goldsmith, Wordsworth, Keats, Milton?
4. A handful of mischief. What are they?



5. One of these football clubs has won both the F.A. and Amateur Cup competitions—
Bishop Auckland, Dulwich Hamlet, Old Carthusians, Corinthians, Casuals?
6. The surest way of distinguishing a sloop from a vessel is by—
Colour, size, sail?
7. If you are 80 years old how many British wars have you lived through—
4, 5, 7, 10?
8. The patron saint of London is—
St. Peter, Giles, Paul, Clement, Oliver?
9. "Predestination is the thief of time" was said by—
Pope, Young, Milton, Shakespeare, Shaw?
10. Given a terrapin you would—
Serve wine from it, make soup, measure speed of earth through space, give it to a church?

1829 SHIP'S LOG FOUND IN WALL

Twelve pages of a ship's log written in 1829 were found pasted to the back of wainscoting of a house being torn down in Salem, Massachusetts.

The pages were turned over to the Peabody Museum, where officials said they were part of the log of the brig Olinda, shipped by Capt. D. H. Mansfield.

The Olinda was engaged in the South American trade in 1829 and Mansfield, a native of Salem, was at one time United States consul at Zanzibar.

Helas, France is turning Puritan!

PARIS.—There are many alarming indications of a strange Puritan trend among a section of the French people.

One of the manifestations of this extraordinary penitence development is in the deletion of the word "Putain" from posters advertising a current Parisian play, "La Putain Respectueuse" ("The Respectful Harlot").

Another is the police closure of the famous girl-show cabaret, Bal Tabarin, which is known to every tourist in France.

There are grave fears that France is going wawser.

Drinking laws are still as civilised as ever—no restrictions at all—but enemies of liberty in literature, speech, and painting are opening their mouths wider and wider.

At the head of the forces tilting at anything which may shock the suburban mind, is a man called Daniel Parker. He is head of an organization called the Association for Moral and Social Action.

Parker, despite his English-sounding name, is a Frenchman, and if he gets his way he intends to "clean up" not only literature and painting, but the stage and cinema as well.

He is France's current crusader for "good morals" and, under a law passed in July, 1939, anyone judged guilty of offences against "good morals" may be sentenced to two years' jail and heavily fined.

All French intellectual reviews are at boiling point over the activities of Monsieur Parker and his society.

Latest example of the growth of this Parker point of view occurred during the week, when gendarmes walked into a little picture-framing shop in the Latin quarter of Montparnasse and "invited" the proprietor to take out of his window a small nude by one of France's moderns, Paul Dret.

Gendarmes told the proprietor that a passerby had found the "young woman" "too desirable" and had "perished."

These protesting "passers-by," it is suggested, are fairly closely linked with Monsieur Parker's organization.

Liberals see in this incident another piece of evidence that reactionaries are building up a big attack on traditional Latin liberties. "Soon," they say, "Parker's organization will be shutting cafes at six o'clock."

—Neville Thomson

RENEWED SEARCH MADE FOR SITE OF OLD JERUSALEM

EXCAVATIONS have been resumed by the Palestine Department of Antiquities in the Citadel on the western side in the present walled city of Jerusalem, near the Jaffa gate.

They tend to confirm doubts which had arisen as to previously accepted beliefs about the extent of the first Jerusalem, established in the time of the Hebrew Monarchy about 100 B.C. to 587 B.C.

The hill on which the Citadel stands is traditionally known as Mount Zion, but the excavations do not support the theory that a part of the "stronghold of Zion," the city of David and his successors, was located on that hill.

BIBLICAL maps showed the city as extending to this point in the time of the Kings. The theory was supported by Josephus, the Jewish historian, who regarded the pre-Herodian wall which runs through and under the courtyard of the present Citadel, as being the "first" or "very old" wall of Jerusalem. Examination now shows that this wall could not be older than the second century B.C., in which case it is not the original wall of Jerusalem, and the first city did not extend as far as this point from the site south of the Temple area, now enclosed by the Harames-Sharif, where it began.

At one point the wall incorporates primitive, and possibly much older, masonry, but its inspection has been inconclusive, because a tower was later built against it, and any previous deposits of pottery and coin from which the date of the masonry might have been surmised were removed.

The wall and three towers fitted close together in it were part of one fortified line. They have been uncovered in the Citadel in parts to their lowest depth. The northernmost of the three towers stood where Herod later erected his Tower of Phasael, the massive construction known until medieval times as the Tower of David.

The other two towers were to the west and south and connected by curtain walls. The walls show three phases of construction.

Hellenistic Period

THE uppermost and latest phase is the Herodian addition, built at the same time as the Tower of Phasael. The two lower periods of masonry are dated by the deposits, pottery, and coins found against them. The layers of these deposits either reached up to the walls, in which case they must have accumulated in the ordinary way after the walls had been built, or they were found to stop a short distance from the walls.

In such instances the gaps were filled with different deposits, the original deposits having been intersected by the builders, who wished to secure solid foundations either on rock or on previous foundations or packed soil. Obviously the deposits which were intersected must be earlier than the masonry of the wall.

Examination of the deposits seems to indicate that the first and oldest phase of masonry is of the Hellenistic period, perhaps a part of the Maccabean fortifications built about 150 B.C. The second phase

was, probably a reconstruction of the original wall, made after it had been breached in the Seleucid-Maccabean wars of the second century B.C.

A TEMPORARY rough rubble wall was first erected in front of the ruins, until a proper reconstruction could be undertaken, perhaps in the first half of the first century B.C., during the time of Alexander or Antipater, father of Herod.

It was this reconstructed wall that Herod strengthened with three great towers, one being the Tower of Phasael. The other two stood outside the area of the present Citadel.

The pottery which has been found includes little that can be established as being older than the second century B.C., and this evidence is confirmed by the coins which were found almost down to the lowest level of the wall and are all of the second century or later. It appears, then, that this is not the original wall of Jerusalem. Possibly it is a later extension.

It advanced a good way north and west of the wall of the Kings, and included the west hill, where the Citadel now stands, just as the two later walls of Jerusalem, known as the second and third walls, advanced in turn more to the north. Those two later walls, built in the time of Herod and Claudius respectively, just before and after Christ, have still to be fully traced.

THE Citadel stands on part of the site of Herod's newer or upper palace, which he built for himself.

The older and lower palace, which he restored and named the Antonia, after Mark Antony, was at the north-west corner of the Jewish Temple, which he also rebuilt.

It is now partly occupied by the convent of the Sisters of Zion and is generally identified as the place where the trial of Christ took place.

But the Roman procurators, when they came up from Caesarea, sometimes took up residence in the upper palace instead of in the lower, and it is considered possible that Pontius Pilate presided over Christ's trial in the upper palace, which lay within the angle of the wall now being examined. No remains of this palace have been uncovered and they would be extremely difficult to reach.

The Trial Of Christ

IF Christ was tried and condemned in the upper palace, then the route of the Via Dolorosa, as now accepted by the Christian world, would be open to question.

The early Christian conception of the path taken by Christ when he carried the Cross was from the south towards Calvary, where the Church of the Holy Sepulchre now stands; and if Christ was condemned on the site of the Citadel this route, rather than the present one approaching Calvary from the east, would be more likely to be correct. The present tradition, is, however, likely to stand, unless and until more directly contradictory evidence is forthcoming.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

Auckland.—One of the world's most famous mails—Tincan Island post—has closed for the last time because the island has been handed back to nature. Its real name is Niukunua, a small member of the Tongan Group north of New Zealand. A violent eruption and fears of another have led the Tongan Government to evacuate, with New Zealand's help, all its 1,200 people. Stamp collectors the world over prize Niukunua covers because the mail had to be floated between the harbourless island and passing ships in sealed tin cans by hardy native swimmers. Postmaster Makiemaki cancelled the last half bag of letters by hand, writing his name across each stamp. They are expected to be sought eagerly by philatelists.

course of grammar he began while serving a sentence at Alcatraz. In court he charged that prison authorities would not return his lessons because he is writing a book exposing "brutality" at the island prison.

MADE IN GERMANY

New York.—"Made in Germany" trade marks will soon appear again in American shops. Government agencies are now soliciting orders for German China toys, precision instruments, cameras and optical goods.

COURSE OF THE CLERANS

Paris.—For the third time the course of the Clerans has struck. The Clerans are one of France's most daring trapeze acts and Leo Clerans, the star, lost his partner two years ago when he missed a hold after a mid-air leap and crashed to death.

ITALIAN DIVORCE CAMPAIGN
Rome.—The Italian Committee for Divorce, which began in October its campaign for laws permitting divorce in Italy, now has 400,000 members and 64 local offices throughout the country. During 1946, out of 8,500 applications for annulment made by Italians to the Vatican, only 1,500 were granted. Fees and costs of an annulment average £300 each. The only alternative for Italians who cannot afford this is legal separation. Legal separations now in force in Italy have reached the record high of 930,000.

MAN WITH THE STUTTER
Johannesburg.—Armed police posess and farmers on horseback are conducting a man search for an armed outlaw named Rullers in the Fort Elizabeth district. He has built up an astonishing record of cattle thefts. He keeps writing to the police taunting them and they can't catch him. He is known as the man with the stutter.

SOME JOKE!

Madrid.—For having insulted their neighbours and played too many practical jokes on them over the phone, the Oviedo municipal authorities have gaoled 40-year-old Josefina Tunon and her 25-year-old daughter, Carlina, and their two servants. One of their mildest pranks was to lure a neighbour 200 miles from home because his son was ill with pneumonia. Of course the son was well and greeted the father on arrival.

ANGLO-INDIAN TRADE

Rome.—During the first 10 months of 1946, Italy exported to Britain over £30,000,000 worth of goods and imported from Britain over £5,000,000 worth. England is importing four times as much Italian fruit as before the war.

SOUNDS REASONABLE

Philadelphia.—A Philadelphia headmaster, Richard McFoley, says that parents as well as school children should have report cards. How they might win top marks: provide a quiet study room for their children; insist on their getting adequate sleep permit them to go to unchaperoned parties; praise good things before criticising the bad.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL

San Francisco.—Richard Numer is seeking the law's aid to complete a

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

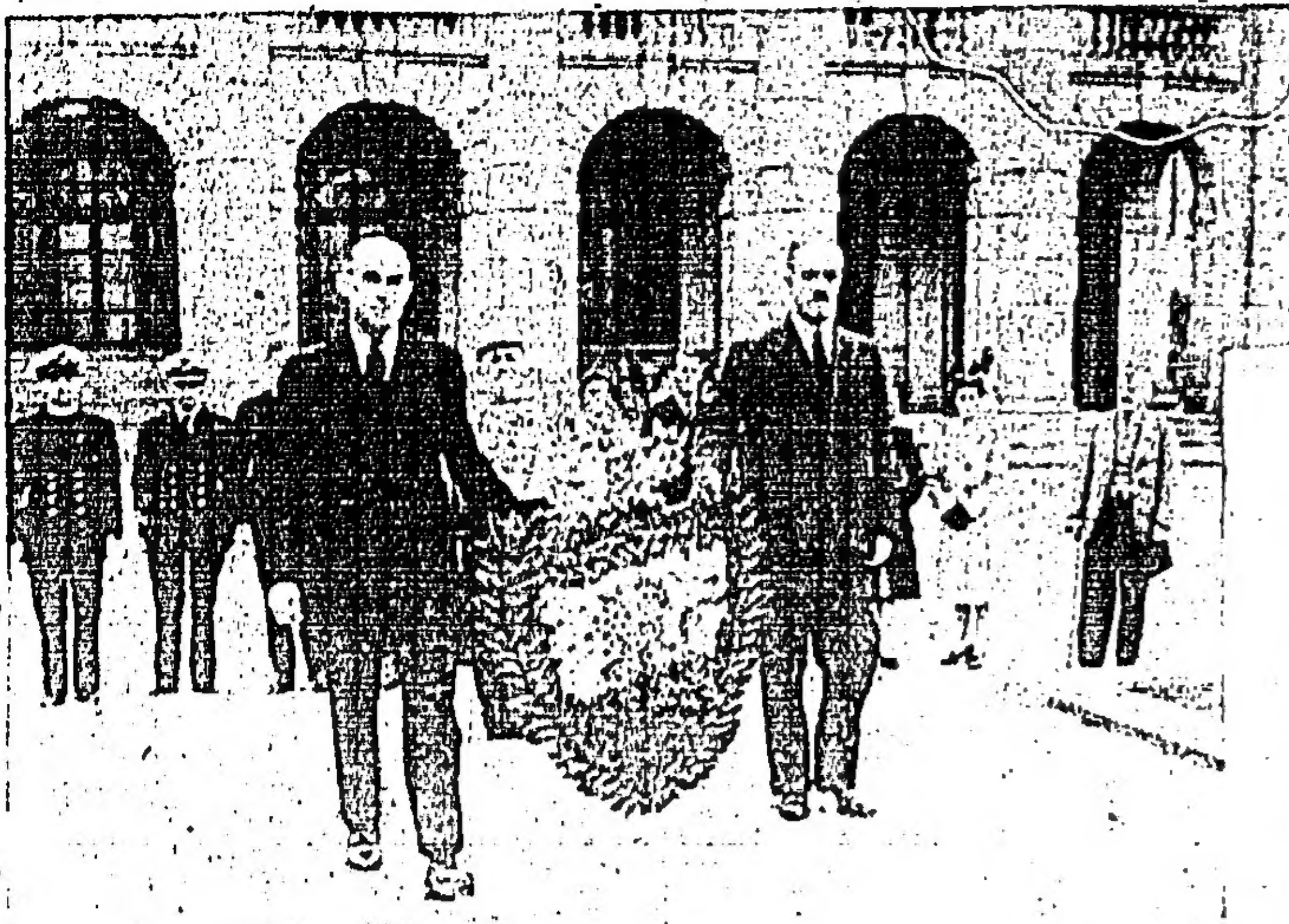
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TELEGRAPH NEWSREEL



ST DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATED

LOCAL WELSHMEN celebrated St David's Day last Saturday. In the morning, Mr E. I. Wynno-Jones, President of St David's Society, and Mr J. R. Jones, Vice-President, laid a wreath at the Cenotaph, while in the evening a very successful social and concert was held at St Joseph's College. Below is a scene from the short play that was presented, showing Lt N. Thorpe, as Dickl Bach Dwl, and Mr Wynno-Jones, as Twm Tinkor. (Photos: Ming Yuen)



DR J. LEIGHTON STUART, United States Ambassador to China, stepping off the plane on his arrival here last Friday. Dr Stuart planned to visit Hainan Island, but bad weather prevented his going by air and the trip was cancelled. He has now returned to Nanking. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



CATHEDRAL WEDDING—Dr Edwin Oswald Cook, lecturer at the Hongkong University, and his bride, Miss Veronica Mary Lockie, who were married at St John's Cathedral last Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



INDIAN ENVOY ENTERTAINED—The first Indian Ambassador to China, Mr K. P. F. Menon (centro), was guest of honour at a banquet given by the local Indian community at the Hongkong Hotel on Tuesday. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



GOVERNOR VISITS HOSPITAL—On Monday, HE the Governor, Sir Mark Young, paid a visit to the Hongkong Sanatorium and Hospital, and inspected the new wing. The Governor is pictured being conducted round by Dr Li Shu-fan, chairman of the board of directors. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

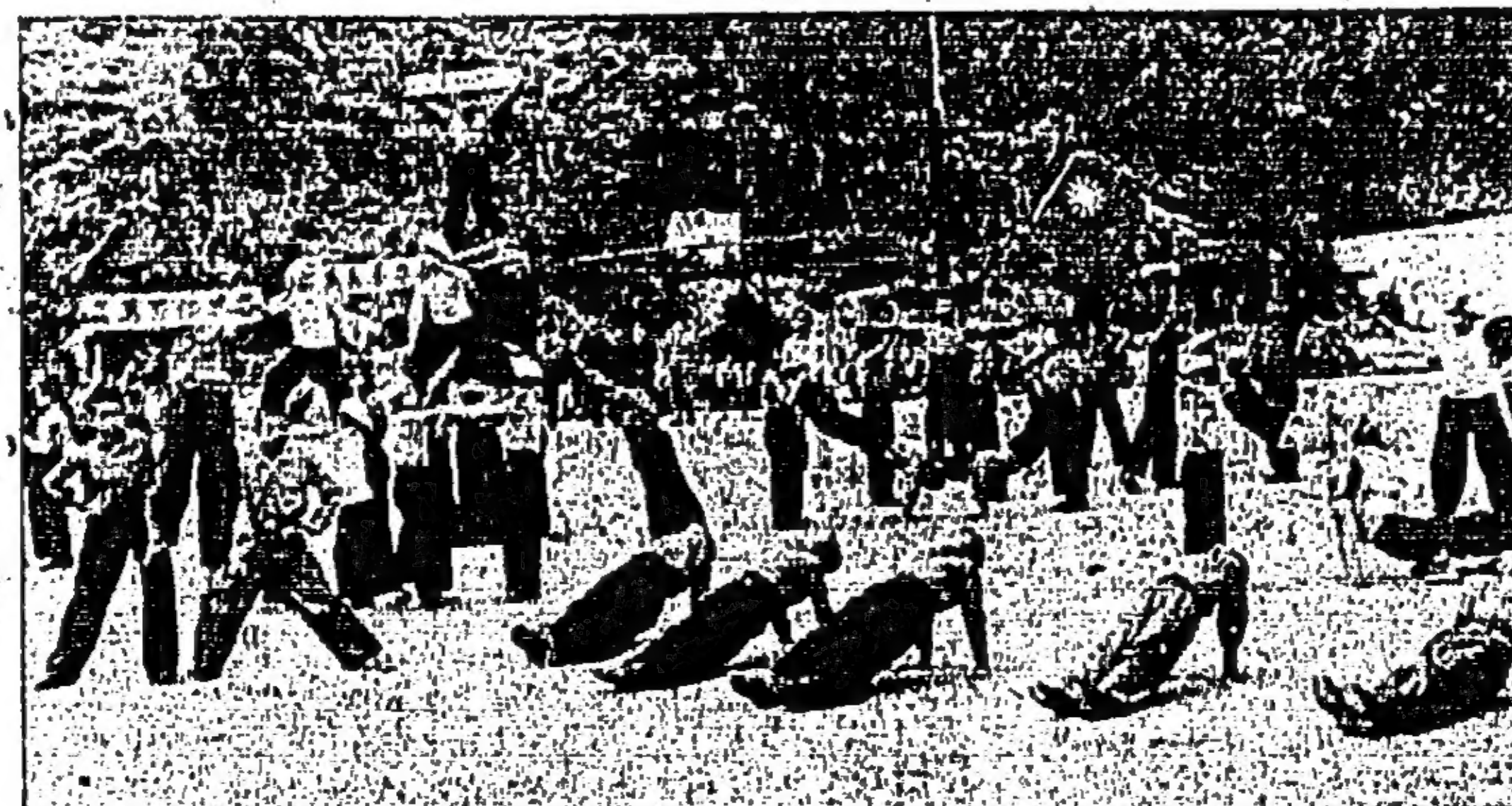
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LAND FORCES "A", winners of the seven-a-side rugby competition last Saturday. They defeated the Nabcatcher team. HE the Governor and many distinguished personages were interested spectators. (Photo: Golden Studio)



STUDENTS of the Aberdeen Industrial School caught by the photographer during the drill and athletic display they gave last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

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BRITISH PROTEST TO THE HAGUE

London, Mar. 7. Diplomatic sources said tonight that Britain had protested to the Hague against the Dutch Navy's detention of the British merchant ship *Empire Mayflower*. The vessel was reported carrying a cargo from Java, and the British note, it is believed, alleged that the ship was outside Dutch territorial waters. The Dutch Embassy here said the *Empire Mayflower* was transporting rubber from Dutch and other estates in Java. Control of imports and exports previously had been established in the area by the Dutch.—United Press.

Changsha Hit By Soaring Price Level

Canton, Mar. 7. Changsha is no less hard hit by the general economic depression than other cities. Commodity prices keep soaring and the people's living condition becomes worse and worse, according to word received here from Changsha. Many merchants, hoarding large quantities of goods since the end of hostilities, have been reluctant to sell at a price which would mean a loss. They overstocked, however, the fact that the public in general has been stunned by the high cost of living and therefore their purchasing power dropped. All the people in this once famous commercial city in Hunan province have found themselves in the greatest depression they ever experienced. The only business man that now reaps a profit is the money-lender. There were over 200 of these underground establishments in the city last year, and they gave help to many merchants during the recent settling period at the end of the year although the merchants had to pay very high interest for the loans. It is the consensus of merchants in Changsha that such a state of affairs cannot be carried on as the result would only end in bankruptcy to all businesses.—Associated Press.

JAPS HAD TO SELL GOLD TEETH

Nagasaki, Mar. 8. Returned Japanese repatriates from Manchuria told the Kyodo news agency to-day that some of the Japanese still remaining in Dairen were compelled to sell their gold teeth in order to exist owing to the high prices of commodities. They said there were still 80,000 Japanese civilians in Dairen and 10,000 former soldiers and 120 civilians in Port Arthur waiting for repatriation.—United Press.

NAZIS ON WAR CRIMES CHARGES

Munich, Mar. 7. Thirty-one Germans, including one woman, to-day were formally charged with war crimes and atrocities committed at Buchenwald concentration camp and were bound over for trial—the fourth mass trial of concentration camp officials—on April 11. The woman, hard-looking, red-headed Ilse Koch, was alleged to have made lampshades of human skin. Other principal defendants included Hermann Pister, camp commandant from 1942 to 1945, and Prince von Kaldbeck, who took over command shortly before the liberation of the camp on April 11, 1945, and ordered its evacuation.—United Press.

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KESSELRING LOSES TEMPER AT TRIAL

Venice, Mar. 7.

Field Marshal Albert Kesselring lost his temper and shouted, "I am no schoolboy to be questioned for hours as if I were a sergeant," during his cross-examination on war crimes charges to-day, when he admitted ordering the reprisal massacre of 335 Romans in the Ardeatine Caves in March, 1944.

As the session, the most heated in the 17 days' hearing before the British Military Tribunal, reached the afternoon recess, the chief defence counsel, Dr Hans Laternser, asked for an adjournment.

JEWS TOLD TO QUIT INDIA

New Delhi, Mar. 7.

Approximately 300 Afghan Jewish refugees at present sheltered in India face enforced repatriation to Afghanistan after March 31 unless a new haven can be found for them "within a reasonable period" after that date, officials of India's Home Department revealed to-day.

These Jews, who are Afghan subjects, came to India during 1945 from their native land on transit visas of months' duration and have been here ever since.

Recently their permits were extended—in some cases for the sixth time—until March 31. This latest extension followed an appeal from the Jews that they would suffer from repatriation if they returned to their snow-bound country during mid-winter.

Home Office officials said they have "under consideration" a request from the World Jewish Congress, forwarded here through the Indian Embassy in Washington, urging extension of the visas until a new home can be found for the refugees. These officials feel, however, that the Indian government will not allow the Jews to remain here beyond March 31 without an assurance that the refugees will be absorbed in other countries in a few months. A high government official declared: "These Jews came to India as ordinary Afghan subjects on transit visas. They did not officially come as refugees from persecution. India, with its already strained resources, cannot be asked to absorb these people."—United Press.

Kramer, Pauline Betz In Finals

New York, Mar. 7.

Jack Kramer and Pauline Betz, U.S. National tennis champions on the turf, gained the final brackets in the national indoor tennis championships last night.

Kramer defeated ex-Davis Cupper and former Wimbledon champion Sidney Wood 6-3, 6-4 and 6-4. Miss Betz beat Miss Barbara Seefelt, of San Francisco, 6-3 and 6-3.

Both are now favorites to win the double titles. In the other semi-final of the men's singles, two members of this year's victorious Davis Cup squad, Billy Talbot and Bob Falkenburg, will meet.—United Press.

Sunspots Warning

Bloomington.

Professor J. S. Parnishevskopolis of Harvard University Observatory near here reported to-day an eruption of sunspots.

He said the sunspots likely would cause widespread radio fading and various magnetic disturbances.

The astronomer said the spots were converging over 500,000,000 square miles of the sun's surface and would reach the centre within two days.—Associated Press.

Japs Think Hirohito Still God

Tokyo, Mar. 7.

The Japanese are still worshipping their Emperor, and occupation officers have been unable to stop it, they admitted to-day.

"All we can do is tell the Japanese people the Emperor is not divine, they still regard him as God," K. Bunce of Westerville, Ohio, director of SCAP's Religion Division, said.

"Let's face the facts. They still worship him. That's part of state Shinto. We can't tear it loose because that would be violation of the Japanese right to worship as they choose. We have cut off state support."

Bunce said that the Shinto religion is 3,000 years old and had been used by the imperial government to keep the people in line through the centuries.

CREATED BY GODS

The basic theory is that Japan was created by the gods favoured by the gods and governed by descendants of the gods, which brings us down to Hirohito.

"Politicians used that theory to tell the people that the word of the Emperor must never be questioned."

Bunce said that the imperialists, with their tongues in their cheeks, used Shinto to further their programme of expansion, and kept the nation in a state of "hypnosis."

He said that despite the protests of Catholics and members of other faiths, children were required to worship at Shinto shrines. The government finally gave an interpretation of Shinto as patriotism and not religion.

Atom Bomb Index Of Failure

Princeton, New Jersey, Mar. 7.

The international architect Mr. Frank Lloyd Wright, builder of Tokyo's quake-proof Imperial Hotel, speaking at a two-day conference here on "Planning Man's Physical Environment," said to-day that the atomic bomb was an index of failure and, as an antidote, drastically proposed a 10-year suspension of higher education, decentralization of cities, abolition of the Presidency and the State Department and removal of national capital from Washington to a place "nearer the heart of the country."

He blamed the troubles on "over-developed science, saying: 'As a people we are educated beyond our capacity.'—United Press.

Lowland Scots Newsletter:

EDINBURGH'S WONDER BOY

By F. CROWLEY

Scotland has produced many a lad of parts, but Master Charles Main, of 11 Springvalley Terrace, Edinburgh, at three years and 10 months bids fair to outlive them all.

This young man first showed remarkable qualities at 20 months when he could distinguish colours, and by the time he was three he knew his ABC and could tell the time and count up to 50. In another three months he was counting up to several hundreds, and by the half-year could write letters and figures. When he was four months short of four he was memorising poems, songs and short stories.

To-day Charles is still two months short of four, but his progress is out of all proportion. He speaks out and pronounces clearly, and divides, and multiplies mentally, hums a tune after hearing it twice, tells a seven figure number in his millions, hundreds of thousands, etc., tells the destination of any of Edinburgh's 24 tram routes; names motor cars of any make on sight—and keeps reminding his parents of incidents of a year or more ago which they have forgotten!

Sheepdog Trials Doyen

By the death of "Jamie" Scott, Overhill, Hawick, a tall, bearded, and almost legendary figure in sheepdog circles, passes on at the age of 92.

No Border market or sheepdog trial anywhere was complete without "Jamie" who, and attained a reputation as a breeder of Cheviot and Border sheep, and a far greater reputation as a breeder and exporter of sheepdogs with which he visited America and gave demonstrations.

Mr Scott actually bought the famous Kep for a mere £5. He was at the trials in Northland when he saw a year old jacked-looking collie which, however, he bought. This proved to be the famous Kep, winner of the International trials at Edinburgh in 1906 and again at Perth in 1909.

Presented at various occasions at Wembley to Royal visitors, including the Queen, then the Duchess of York, H.R.H. remarked on the fine appearance of his sheepdogs when "Jamie" retorted:

"As you Royal Highness, they are all right, but what came out of Scotland; very good!"

Highland Ski Club?

Tarbat, Ross-shire, may be the home of a new Highland club if a meeting arranged by Major M. I. Leslie-Melville, Eaglesstone, Strathpeffer, receives sufficient support.

Major Leslie-Melville has interested himself in the formation of a ground chosen is said to be most suitable for skiing. Associated with him in the project is Mr J. P. Hendry, BEM, Inverness whose son won the ski championship of the Great Scouts when they were in Canada during the war.

No 'Queues'—No Shops?

An interesting visitor to Edinburgh at present is Miss Elizabeth Clark, whose home is in East Belmont Road, after six months' sojourn in St Anthony, North Newfoundland, where she was in charge of a small orphanage.

A member of the Grenfell Mission, Miss Clark first became enthusiastic when she heard Sir Wilfred Grenfell lecturing on Newfoundland over a year ago. She volunteered to join the mission and was accepted. "It's a hard life, but I love it," said Miss Clark who flew home for a furlough when the small harbour is ice-free.

During her six months at the orphanage Miss Clark's only method of transportation has been by dog teams. There are no communications and no queues because there are no shops!

Deserted Village

The deserted village of Ardencaple, or the island of Sell, where formerly there was a flourishing slate industry, may be adapted as a week-end visitors if the plans of an Oban business man mature. After an inspection of the houses, the sponsor thinks the village can be converted at little expense into an ideal holiday centre for week-enders, and he is prepared to carry out the necessary renovations.

No'orday At The Cross

After a lapse of six years the bells at the Tolbooth, Glasgow Cross, once more rang out the old year and welcomed in the new, Miss Jessie Herbert resuming her duties and playing out the old Scots airs before and after the "happy" event. Miss Herbert, it will be recalled, took over the duties from her father, before the war; the first woman to handle the peals in the history of the Tolbooth. Needless to say, despite the shortage, many a hauf was quaffed to somebody's health!

Shadow Factory Revived

Great satisfaction is felt in Paisley over the decision to revive at a cost of £3,000,000 the Linwood "shadow" factory which turned out guns during the war. Six furnaces are to be re-erected, and it is hoped that soon some 3,500 tons of metal will be handled weekly, employing about 300 workers. Messrs. Boardman's, who handled the factory for the Government, are hopeful that agreement will be reached to produce railway material such as tyres, and if so the employment capacity is likely to be increased by another 200.

Curb On Strike Powers Denounced By Lewis

Washington, Mar. 7.

John L. Lewis, leader of the United Mineworkers Union, already faced with a strike-cancelling mandate from the U.S. Supreme Court, told Congress to-day that any congressional limit on labour's right to strike would establish an "absolutist" form of government in the United States.

Called by the Senate Labour Committee for questioning on ways to avert coal strikes, Mr Lewis read a statement which had been prepared and distributed before the Supreme Court yesterday handed down its ruling upholding the conviction of the coalminers' leader and his union.

In his statement Lewis said: "When the right to strike is limited or taken away from the workers, then the form of government in America is changed. The only difference between serfdom and freedom is the right of a voluntary contract. Remove the right to strike in America and you turn the clock back to the middle ages."

The government, however, took the attitude that the Supreme Court verdict was a major personal triumph for President Truman, which would guarantee peace in soft coal fields until June 30 at least when the Federal authority to operate mines expires—unless Congress lengthens that authority.

Strike Order

Administration officials said the next move is up to Mr Lewis. His instructions to union members to be prepared to strike on April 1—only 24 days off—still stands, but yesterday's Supreme Court verdict gives him only five days to withdraw the strike notice after the court's formal mandate is delivered.

Failure to obey would result in increasing the union's fine from \$700,000 to the \$3,500,000 of the original verdict, and make Mr Lewis and the UMW liable for still additional penalties for further contempt.

Normally it would take about 25 days for a Supreme Court mandate to reach Judge Alan Goldsborough through ordinary channels. Since a strike call exists, however, government is prepared to ask the high court to expedite its mandate to remove the possibility of a miners' walkout on April 1.

Government to-day considered steps for getting Mr Lewis and soft coal operators back into private negotiations for a new contract in advance of June 30, when government must hand the mines back to private owners.

Secretary of the Interior, Julius A. Krug, undoubtedly will take the government initiative as peace-maker, but his invitation to resume negotiations most likely would be withheld until Mr Lewis obeys the court's mandate and withdraws the April 1 strike order.

If Mr Lewis does that voluntarily now instead of waiting for 25 days until the mandate reaches him, he could give Mr Krug a free hand to proceed with an invitation to negotiate and would, at the same time, improve labour's prestige in Congress where punitive and restrictive legislation is in the offing.—United Press.

HESS CAUSES A DISPUTE

Berlin, Mar. 7.

The four-power—Berlin—Command is deadlocked over unrevealed details of conditions under which Rudolf Hess and six other Nazi leaders will live at the local Spandau prison, an Allied spokesman disclosed to-day.

Until all details are settled, no disclosure of the disputed points will be made, the officer said. He also declined to say which of the Allies was disagreeing in this latest of a long series of four-power disputes.

Observers here speculated that the deadlock probably meant further delay in moving Hess and his companions from Nuremberg.

Originally expected here shortly after being sentenced, their arrival was postponed because of prolonged remodelling of the 71-year-old brick prison.—United Press.

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Seamail: Amoy, Shanghai, 3 p.m.; Canada, USA, Central and South America (via Vancouver), 1.30 p.m.; Manila, 3 p.m.; Fuzhou, 3 p.m.; Shanghai, 3 p.m.; Macao, Tainan, Shekai, 4 p.m.; Hankow, 4 p.m.

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Sunday, March 9

Airmail: Canton, Amoy, Nanking, Hankow, Tainan, Shanghai, Peking, 10 a.m.; Seoul, 10 a.m.; Swatow, 10 a.m.; Hongkong, 10 a.m.; Macao, Tainan, Shekai, 10 a.m.; Kowloon, 10 a.m.

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Monday, March 10

Airmail: Hongkong, Calcutta, Delhi, Johannesburg, Cairo, 3.30 p.m.

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NO CONFIDENCE MOTIONS

London, Mar. 7.

Mr Winston Churchill, Conservative opposition leader, tabled a "no confidence" motion against the Labour Government to-day, charging its proposals to meet Britain's grave economic crisis were inadequate and unjust.

At the same time, the Liberal Party under Mr Clement Davies also tabled a motion deploring the "dilatoriness" of the Government and demanding drastic reduction in spending.—United Press.

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